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David Rattiner

Cooper's Beach Vanishes

Dr. Beach's Top Pick in the World Ceased to Exist Last Week

By Dan Rattiner

I drove down Meadow Lane in Southampton to Cooper's Beach the other day. It's gone. Not there at all. Where it was is now just gravel and stones. There's not even the parking lot or the little ticket booth, not even the cabana and snack bar pavilion. Even the sign is gone.

There is only one possible explanation for this. This is the work of Dr. Steven Leatherman, also known as "Dr. Beach," the man who for the last 20 years has annually ranked all the world's beaches to determine which of them is the best. He publishes the "Top Ten Beaches in the World" every spring after a year of globetrotting.

In the past he has selected Hanalei Beach in Kauai, Hawaii, Siesta Beach in Florida and Coronado Beach in San Diego. And then this year, the number #1 beach in the world as selected by him was Cooper's Beach in Southampton.

I have not been to any of these other beaches he has selected, so I cannot state whether they are there or not today, but I can tell you this—according to "Dr. Beach's" rules, once he selects a beach it remains there in all its shining glory for the rest of the year, and then when the end of the year comes, it is gone—it is no longer under consideration to be a following year #1.

The evil Dr. Beach selects the "best beach," and then—poof!! That beach is gone.

So this is what the evil Dr. Beach is about. He selects the "best beach in the world," based on fineness of sand, color, width of beach, quality of surf, appropriateness of facilities, access to the public and presence of flora and fauna (and fish), and then—poof!!!—once the selection is made and th eyear ends, that beach is gone. The proof of this is right down here on Meadow Lane.

How Dr. Beach has been able to get away with this all these years without protest from these different locations is amazing. I cannot understand it. One would think that at the very least, the people nearby to these facilities would complain to the authorities. But apparently they do not. Is it possible that they have some nearby beach they hope will be selected as #1 in the future? Surely here in the Hamptons, there is the matter of Main Beach in East Hampton, which has been #4 and #5 among the top 10 consistently over the years. Then there is Ponquogue Beach in Hampton Bays, Rogers Beach in Westhampton and Kirk Park Beach in Montauk.

Is Dr. Beach's prize that important? Doesn't anyone realize what Dr. Beach is up to here, that this is all about the systematic and eventual destruction of all the great beaches in the world? Nineteen have vanished so far. This is not alarming?

I called our local authorities to report this matter, and the response I got was to be transferred from one department to another. Nobody seemed willing to talk to me. Finally, I was told to write a letter addressing my concerns and the appropriate people would read it and get back to me in due order.

Are the authorities also fearful and in awe of the great power of Dr. Beach? I suggest we protest the disappearance of Cooper's Beach. Hundreds of us, no thousands of us, should assemble down there chanting and carrying signs about this desecration of our heritage.

If only it were there anymore.

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

Southampton's **Chris Cuomo** joined older brother **Andrew** for his swearing in as the governor of New York last week. Also in attendance were their parents, Andrew's children and his longtime girlfriend, celebrity chef **Sandra Lee**.

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Several Hamptons residents made *Forbes* magazine's annual list of top Hollywood earners, including **Steven Spielberg** ($100 million), **Jerry Seinfeld** ($75 million) and **Madonna** ($58 million).

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Hamptons resident **Joy Behar** recently announced on "The View" that she'll be judging the 2011 Miss America pageant along with **Marc Cherry, Tony Dovolani, Marylou Henner** and **Taryn Rose**. The show airs January 15 on ABC.

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East Hampton's **Jon Bon Jovi** has been appointed by **President Obama** to the Council for Community Solutions, a newly established group that will advise the President in mobilizing citizens, businesses and others to meet specific community needs.

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Gwyneth Paltrow told *People* magazine that she'd be spending the holidays resting and relaxing with her husband, Coldplay's **Chris Martin**, and their two children in the family's Amagansett home.

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Southampton's **Lydia Hearst Shaw** has reportedly signed on to play a comic character based on **Lindsay Lohan** in the upcoming comedy *Dogs in Pocketbooks*.

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New York's post-Christmas blizzard forced Hamptons regular **Alexa Ray Joel** to postpone her first in a series of intimate performances at the Oak Room at the Plaza Hotel. Joel's proud mother, Sag Harbor's **Christie Brinkley**, attended the rescheduled concert.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Water Mill's **Kelly Ripa**. The co-host of "Live with Regis and Kelly" is currently on crutches after suffering a stress fracture in her hip.

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Southampton resident **Vera Wang** is launching a line of cosmetics exclusively for Kohl's, where she already sells her Simply Vera line of lifestyle products. "It's an easy, light, modern and effortless approach to beauty and creativity," Wang said.

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Local children's author **Joi Nobisso's** Gingerbread House books will be used as set dressings in four upcoming films starring **Chris Rock, Natalie Portman, Jason Bateman** and **Uma Thurman**.

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Sports talk show host, author and executive producer **Ann Liguori** has been invited to play

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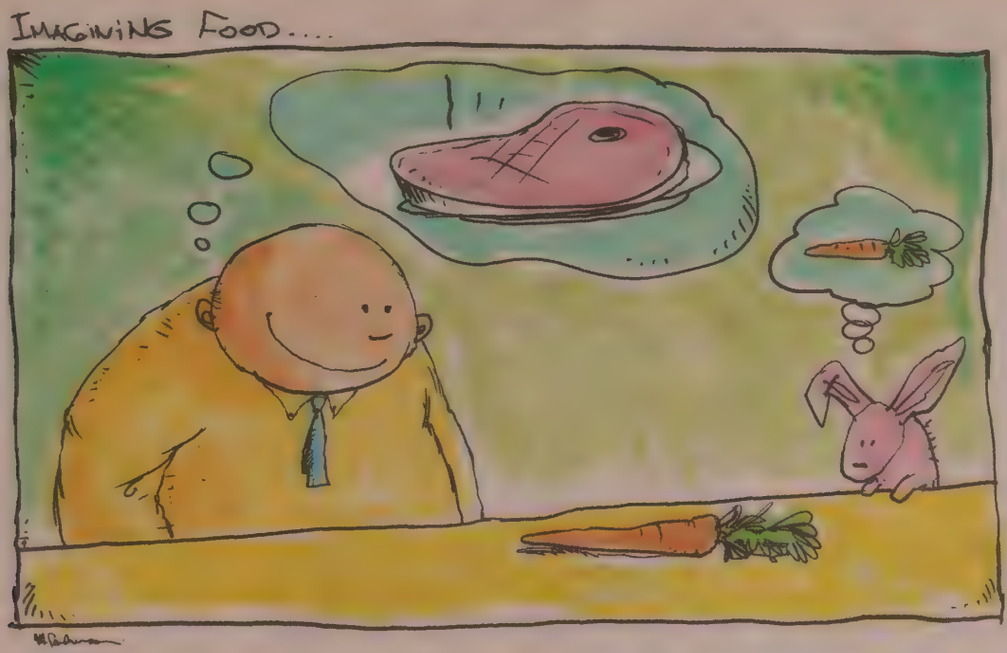

Imagining Food

Lose Weight! Eat in Your Mind before Eating for Real

By Dan Rattiner

As you would probably guess, there is a lot of research being done about what makes us fat or thin. We're suffering an obesity epidemic. People want to continue to eat garbage, but they don't want it to make them fatter. The scientists have been listening.

One study done at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh has discovered something truly remarkable. It is in this month's *Science Journal*.

What the scientists there have discovered is that if you imagine eating chocolate before you get to eat chocolate, you will eat less of it when you actually get some.

There has to be a specific way to imagine the eating of the chocolate for it to work. If you don't use this specific way, it has the opposite effect. The scientists have words for this. They call the regular way of imagining eating chocolate "sensitization." This leads to "the wetting effect," and this leads, shortly to "salivation" just before you eat the first piece. At this point you are in a sort of frenzy to eat the chocolate.

The way that gets you to eat less chocolate—and this works for other specific foods as well—is to imagine eating the chocolate one piece at a time. You visualize one piece. You then imagine yourself eating it. Then you visualize another piece and you imagine eating that. If you can do this one piece after another piece after another piece for about 10 minutes, when you finally get to the tray of chocolate you will have achieved a state called "habituation." Habituation means you're plenty used to eating that chocolate. You'll eat one piece, then another, then you'll feel satisfied and full. And in the end, you will have eaten less of the chocolate than if you had not gone through this thought process and a whole lot less than what you would have stuffed into your craw if you had thought about it ahead of time the wrong way.

Carey Moredge, the psychology professor at Carnegie Mellon who headed up the study, explains it this way.

"You're going to a White Castle and as you arrive you imagine ordering eight of those little hamburgers. It's a whole stack of hamburg-

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ITEMS IN THE NEWS

By Dan Rattiner

STEVEN RATTNER

Steven Rattner was in the news this past week. He agreed to pay $10 million to settle a charge that he had messed with the State Pension Fund. He's also agreed never again to appear before the State Pension Fund. He's not confessing to any wrongdoing. So maybe he did something and maybe he didn't.

Steven Rattner has a name, which is nearly exactly like my name, Rattiner. It's just missing an "I" as you see. It's an unusual name, Rattiner. And I have always cared about people who bear this unusual name, at least to the extent that they don't embarrass themselves. None have, until now. In fact, there is one Rattiner, Jeffrey H. Rattiner, who seems to have written the classic textbook on accounting that is used in colleges across America. Good for him.

As for Steven Rattner, there's been a lot written about him, mostly good, at least until this pension stuff. Now you can argue that this is none of my business and that the name really is different than mine, but we all know about the mess-ups that happened at Ellis Island when the immigrants arrived there in the early 1900s. I figure Steven Rattner's great-grandfather is a victim of one of those.

Steven Rattner is largely responsible for the re-birth of GM. He was Obama's point person in getting it through the bankruptcy and restructuring it with young go-getters. He was helpful in other ways, according to some of his supporters. A generally good guy. The whole business is really a grudge match between him and Andrew Cuomo. So at least that is settled. Go get 'em Steve Rattner.

Besides Steve Rattner, I'm pulling for my brother, Bruce, who is developing downtown Brooklyn.

NASSAU COUNTY GOING BUST?

Another big story in the news this past week is that Nassau County, the county on Long Island next to ours, may go bust. This is a kind of shocking thing because just 10 years ago, Nassau County almost went bust and the state, and a crusading new County Executive named Thomas R. Suozzi, came in and cleaned the place up. A lot of people had been on the take.

Suozzi is gone now, and one would think that

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Imagining Food

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ers. When you get them, you will attack them with a fury, and you will continue eating and eating until you get, perhaps to seven. Then the eighth one is about all you want. You're satisfied. Or, as we say, you have become 'habituated' to what you are eating.

"Here is how you do it right," Morehead continues. "Sit in the car when you get there and imagine eating one hamburger. Take your time. Imagine eating a second hamburger. Then imagine eating a third hamburger. Then imagine eating a fourth hamburger. This might take 10 minutes of sitting in your car. Now go into the White Castle. You will probably just be able to get through three. And you will feel full."

The study they did at Carnegie Mellon that resulted in this remarkable conclusion involved one dozen adult men who had for one reason or another lost almost all their short-term memory. These dozen men were then paired with another dozen men who were quite normal. They all arrived at 11:45 a.m.

The researchers then fed both groups—they were kept separate from one another—a lunch of chicken parmesan. Waiters came in announcing "lunchtime" and brought with them 12 trays of this food which they placed one to a customer in front of each person. All the people in both groups ate the chicken parmesan.

About five minutes after the trays of food were cleared, the waiters reappeared with 12 new trays of chicken parmesan for each group. This time the 12 normal men, or most of them anyway, patted their stomachs and said no thanks, I already ate.

The 12 men with the short-term memory problem cheered the arrival of the second lunch and ate ravenously. It was, once again, "lunchtime," and they had forgotten they had eaten it earlier. They also cheered a third lunch of chicken parmesan and a fourth lunch. Each time they ate they thanked the waiters profusely for the lunch, which they said, again and again, was very good. Apparently it was. It seems that, with this memory loss group, the lunches could have gone on and on until the subjects ate themselves to death but then these were researchers at a respected university and they weren't about to allow that to happen.

Who funds these studies? What group of charitable organizations sends tens of thousands of dollars to Carnegie Mellon University so they, oh, never mind.

So I get the picture and this will work, but then who has the 10 minutes?

Do you remember in the movie *Ghostbusters* where the four Ghostbusters, armed with nuclear flamethrowers, are up on the penthouse roof of an apartment building on Central Park West, facing off against a spectacularly evil alien lady in tights from a distant planet? She is about 100 feet away from them. And she stands there in this cat stance, and shouts at them "choose the messenger."

Venkman says "Oh no, she's talking about a messenger of death. Everybody, clear your minds, clear your minds, don't think of anything…"

The alien lady cackles gleefully, "The choice is made."

And Venkman shouts "Oh no, oh no, nobody thought of anything, did you think of anything?" He looks at the other Ghostbusters. "I didn't think of anything. What?"

He is staring at the Ghostbuster played by Dan Aykroyd. "Dr. Raymond Stantz" looks sheepish.

"I couldn't help myself," he whimpers. "I thought I'll think of the happiest thing I know. The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. He wouldn't hurt anybody."

The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, for the purposes of this movie, resides on the sides of every bag of Stay-Puft Marshmallows you can buy at the supermarket. And there he is, 200 feet high, marching down Central Park West, mashing down automobiles, hurling pedestrians out of his way. He's headed for them. And he's very angry.

"What do we do?" Dr. Stantz wails.

"Gozer has spoken," the evil lady cackles. "Now DIE!!"

Thus does the movie lurch toward its dramatic conclusion.

What they needed was to clear their minds for a good 10 minutes. And they couldn't do it. So I don't know how this is going to work about the White Castles or anything else. Still, I thought it very interesting.

At the PowWow

Hatchet Job

The New Yorker Stoops to the Lowest Level Imaginable

By Dan Rattiner

On December 13 I read a remarkable article about the Shinnecock Indians in that week's issue of *The New Yorker*. It had some facts right and some wrong—and then one very, very obnoxiously wrong which I will get back to later. What was wrong was its attitude. The author of it, Ariel Levy, in my opinion, spouts a lot of bigotry. I'm allowed to say that. It's my opinion. And it either somehow got past the editors of this respected magazine, or they didn't care and let it through anyway saying, "Oh that's Ariel," or they decided this is a real good way to sell *New Yorkers*.

Levy starts her account by describing how expensive everything is in the Hamptons. Homes rent for $400,000 for the summer. There's one for $100,000 a month on Hill Street she mentions, which is advertised as best for your "staff or overflow guests." Then she mentions the traffic and how hard it is to get out to the Hamptons unless you have a helicopter, which most people do not, so they have to wait in overheated automobiles in long lines of traffic for hours and hours to get here.

But this all pales against what she perceives is the BIG problem. Then she describes this big problem. The problem is this dirt poor group of Indians who, alarmingly, have this 900-acre reservation "just minutes from downtown Southampton."

They have gotten federal recognition, she reports breathlessly, and now they want to build a casino, right there, really near to their reservation, creating an alarming increase in the already difficult traffic situation. She, Levy, has seen the architectural plans on the walls of the trailer on the property used by the trustees of this tribe for their headquarters. It shows this casino with its "burgundy banquettes and rows of shiny slot machines." It's right there. Ready to go. Imagine the people who might be coming to town. Thank goodness she has discovered this. She's sounding the alarm.

Levy dwells briefly on the contrast between the wealthy community and the adjacent Indian reservation, which she says, "has the feel of a scruffy summer camp." Maybe that is her only frame of reference for property for those less fortunate, a summer camp? The tribal chiefs take her on a walk around the reservation land—the tribe welcomed her and opened their hearts to her—and she saw a community filled with peo-

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COULD THE CPF SWALLOW THE HAMPTONS?

By Dan Rattiner

One of the best things that ever happened here on Eastern Long Island was the decision by the local governments to put a 2% tax on real estate purchases. The buyer pays $1 million for a piece of property. The first $250,000 is exempt from the tax, but the buyer pays 2% of $750,000. That's $15,000 paid to the town where the transaction takes place. This money is then added to the pile of money collected in this way by others to buy valuable parcels of land and save them as parkland or open farmland. The tax is referred to today as the CPF. I forget what it stands for.

The reason this has been the best thing to ever happen is that before this, with real estate prices soaring, developers would be confronted in town hall by government officials disturbed about the waterfront farmland being developed by developers into housing lots.

The developers would exit laughing. "Want to save it?" they'd shout. "Buy it! Buy it!" But the towns didn't have the funds to compete at that time. With this tax, now they do.

This situation has now been in place for about 15 years. Huge amounts of money have been raised. Many purchases have been made. There is more and more open space.

And this brings us to a new and sudden discovery. As you will read elsewhere in this issue in a story by T. J. Clemente, the total collected for the CPF over the years in all the East End towns is now closing in on three quarters of a billion dollars. And so now, since nearly all this money has been used to save open space, almost three quarters of a billion dollars worth of land has been saved. Which brings us to the following question: Is it possible we could run out of land?

I'm not talking about the land that needs to be saved, but ALL the land. I don't think anybody thought of this when the CPF was first created. The fact is each time a purchase is made with CPF money, that land leaves the tax rolls forever. Unless something changes, at a certain point, as certainly as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, there will be NO LAND left on the tax rolls. There will be no taxes to collect. And the towns, without the tax revenue, will go belly up. The Town Halls will be abandoned and then plowed over into potatoes. And the CPF will have swallowed the Hamptons.

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ple who live in very distressed circumstances, deposited there by the English settlers hundreds of years ago. It's not a summer camp.

Levy does make an effort to describe what it is like living on this peninsula. She describes how the Indians go clamming on their beach, go hunting and fishing in the forests, sleep in the woods from time to time and how they observe their tribal traditions. But from the way she wrote it I came away thinking she thought it all rather icky.

She then writes how completely shocked she is to have found desperate people on the reservation engaging in desperate and illegal activities. "...and most of the houses have an unfinished wall covered in white Tyvek house wrap or a roof draped in blue tarp. Because the land is held in trust by the tribe, it is impossible to get a mortgage on the reservation, where banks cannot foreclose, so young couples often add a room onto a family home, and houses grow into haphazard hugeness," she states.

She writes about drugs, intermarriage, fighting, even a tribal meeting where there was fighting. "By the time it was over, people were throwing chairs at one another and one trustee's brother had bitten a woman's finger to the bone," she wrote. Apparently, in Levy's view, people in poverty should never be expected to exhibit any dreadful or unmannerly behavior.

How did these people get here? Who let them in? Are the rich aware of this threat to their way of life? That seems to be the sum of this writer's attitude.

Reading between the lines, I got the feeling that Levy believes the Shinnecocks, the group of people who have been here thousands of years, has just sort of snuck in while nobody was looking. It certainly is an alarming situation if you want to believe that, believe you me.

Later on, Levy takes a sort of Uncle Remus—Happy Black Folk—approach to the situation. Here were the white folks with their wealth and hedgerows and tennis courts and stuff. And here were the Shinnecocks, living in trailers in their designated area and working as maids, cooks, golf course caddies and footmen for them. "The two groups co-habited fairly happily for the next 200 years," she writes merrily.

This contrasts really badly with the current crop of troublemakers at the tribe who want to build a casino, is what I got out of this next. It's apparently not in Levy's way of thinking that this Indian tribe should have the right to chase the American dream, or to be more specific, take advantage of what the Federal government offers them to address the problems created by their circumstances. Levy then puts the last 10 years of Shinnecock struggles all together and mixes them up for the reader so it looks like our Congressmen and Senators and Assemblymen are outraged with what they have suddenly discovered is now coming down the pike. She quotes them as outraged. Ten years ago, when the Shinnecocks began sticking up for themselves, these officials were outraged at an early Shinnecock plan. Not now. They are fine with the situation now. Her quotes are from what they said 10 years ago (note to the editors of *The New Yorker*).

The facts are these. The Shinnecock tribe has lived on its reservation in poverty for 350 years. They didn't choose to be living like this. They were forced to live like this. They lost much of their lands for a coat and a necklace and so forth when the settlers first arrived. Then, in 1707, about 90% of the remaining lands they held were taken from them by the whites writing what the Shinnecocks say was a fraudulent deed. Different people signed the same tribal leaders' names in different ways. All you have to do is look at it. Nobody in the tribe knew what they were doing.

But the tribe stayed together, right there, "minutes from downtown Southampton," on their designated 900-acre reservation. In 1978 they applied for federal recognition. If they could qualify, they could keep the tribe together and be offered many of the safety net things that are offered to other American citizens. (Yes they are American citizens.) They could get welfare, health care, pre-schooling, even access to credit and mortgages, all things not available to them now. If they could thrive, they could even offer their kids college scholarships.

Thirty-two years later, on October 1, 2010, federal recognition was granted to them. They could get these things—although as it turns out their recognition has come too late to get them these things in the 2011 budget. It will have to wait until 2012.

Also, federal recognition will allow them to build a gambling casino, a big one with roulette and blackjack and entertainment and all the plush burgundy sofas and all the rest, but not on their property. On their property they are allowed to build a bingo hall with slot machines, if they so desire. The Shinnecock's expressed desire is that the big casino resort be 60 to 100 miles away from the Hamptons.

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I know this sounds far fetched. But that, in fact, is exactly the potential situation that was created in 1999 when the CPF was set up.

It kinda makes you think that some mechanism ought to be put in place to begin to bail out of this and begin to think of other things that could be done with the CPF funds. The change to this something new could be gradual. Nothing big at least at first, but then as time goes by and the saved land becomes more and more and the taxable land less and less, it could begin to evolve. Maybe some of the money could be used for historical preservation, or for playgrounds or for pre-school education.

A really bad idea, I think, is to consider that as we gradually run out of land we gradually phase out the CPF. There was a little grumbling about it when it was installed and the tax was levied on the entire purchase price. But later, when it was decided to tax only the amount in excess of $250,000, local people who felt this was an undeserved hardship calmed down, and today, with everybody used to the CPF, there is no more grumbling. And the idea, which was that you buy two acres because you can look out on a potato field, is now secure. The town buys the potato field. That is that. So leave the CPF in place.

T. J. has some suggestions in his article about other possible uses for the CPF in the future. As I said, these are real big numbers. This year, Southampton Town might be getting $10 million into the CPF. The whole Southampton Town budget is $80 million. That would account for about 15% of the budget if it could legally be used for the budget, which it can't.

Fortunately, though, I don't think the collapse of the tax base or the bulldozing of town hall is imminent. All that might be preceded by a time where nobody lives out here anymore but everything is just stopped in time. Tourists come out in busses to see "The Hamptons." So we've got a little time to think about this.

But that old homily about how if the tree falls in the forest and there's nobody there to hear the sound, does it actually make that sound, could be revised to describe this inevitable situation.

What I think for now is that you should take the total time you spend thinking about ways to stop global warming, reduce that time by 10% and use that 10% time to think about ways to stop the gobbling up of the Hamptons by the CPF. The impact on global warming control will be small. The impact on saving the Hamptons from itself will be great.

So you could consider it time well spent.

Who knows. Perhaps they'll build a statue of you for coming up with the solution here. On public land, of course.

Neighbor:

Natalie Portman, Actor

By Stacy Dermont

Natalie Portman's latest film, *Black Swan*, premiered at the Hamptons International Film Festival in October. Directed by Darren Aronofsky, this violent, gorgeous production was met with critical and popular acclaim.

As we came out of the screening, cartoonist Mickey Paraskevas exclaimed, "It was so weird! I LOVED it."A valid summation.

Born Natalie Hershlag in Jerusalem, Portman's family moved to the United States when she was three years old, eventually settling in Syosset, New York. Portman has been a Hamptons regular for years. Perhaps in 2011 the Hamptons can also welcome Portman's first child.

2011 promises to be a huge year for Portman. She's planning a wedding, having a baby and probably up for an Oscar. The actress released this statement to *Entertainment Weekly*: "I have always kept my private life private but I will say that I am indescribably happy and feel very grateful to have this experience."

An only child herself, Portman is often accompanied to movie premieres and events by her parents, Dr. Avner Hershlag and Shelley Stevens. Stevens now serves as Portman's agent. Fans can expect to see more of Portman's soon-to-be husband, choreographer Benjamin Millepied.

Black Swan is this Israeli-American actress' 28th major motion picture released to date. Portman's life is the classic case of 'years of hard work toward that one "lucky" break.'

Portman studied ballet from age four and was a theatre student from a young age, spending school holidays at theatre camps. She is described as having a "perfect face." She had that face even before she had her gorgeous body. Portman was discovered, in a pizzeria, by a Revlon modeling agent at age 10. Offered an opportunity to model, she asked to be introduced to acting talent scouts. She took "Portman," her grandmother's maiden name, as her professional stage surname.

After some experience in the 1993 off-Broadway musical *Ruthless!,* she was cast in the film *The Professional* at age 12. During the mid-1990s, Portman had small roles in films such as *Heat*, *Everyone Says I Love You* and *Mars Attacks!,* as well as having a major role in *Beautiful Girls*.

She continued her live theatre career as well. In 2001, Portman opened in New York City's Public Theater production of Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull*, alongside Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Portman is often cited as a role model for young women because she placed a priority on education and pursued tertiary education even when it conflicted with her acting career. I would argue that her dedication to living a full, well-rounded life actually informed and fed her acting career. Her family and educational pursuits have given her a solid grounding and a solid future whether or not she chooses to continue to act professionally.

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While at Harvard she was employed as a research assistant in Prof. Stephen Kosslyn's neuropsychological lab where she got involved in a study investigating the link between frontal lobe development and visual knowledge in infants. This led her to co-author a scientific paper on the neuroscience of child development.

Portman, who has been a vegetarian since childhood and became a vegan in 2009 after reading Jonathan Safran Foer's *Eating Animals*, is an advocate for animal rights. She does not eat animal products nor wear fur, feathers, or leather. "All of my shoes are from Target and Stella McCartney," she has said. In 2007, she launched her own brand of vegan footwear, Te Casan.

Portman has also been an advocate of environmental causes since childhood, when she joined an environmental song and dance troupe known as World Patrol Kids.

Portman's pursuits outside of acting could also be credited with helping to prevent a "Natalie glut" of films. Some actresses take on as many roles as possible, as soon as possible. Portman has wisely chosen her roles and at age 29, has a few more films than years under her belt, with three set to open in 2011.

Portman has portrayed a remarkably wide range of characters. In the late 1990s, she was cast as Queen Amidala in the *Star Wars* prequel trilogy. In 1999, she enrolled at Harvard University to study psychology while she was working on the *Star Wars* films. She completed her bachelor's degree in 2003. (For the record, not every guy you meet who says he went to Harvard and dated Portman did so. Though some of them probably went to Harvard.)

Portman has kept much of her private life private but in the May 2002 issue of *Vogue Magazine*, Portman called actor/musician Lukas Haas and musician Moby her close friends. After starring in the video for his song "Carmensita," she began a relationship with American folk singer Devendra Banhart, which ended in September 2008. She began dating ballet dancer Benjamin Millepied in 2009 after they met on the set of *Black Swan*, for which Millepied acted as choreographer.

Recent roles include *Anywhere But Here*, *Garden State*, *Closer*, and *V for Vendetta*. From comedy to tragedy, Portman brings a unique power and conviction to all of her parts. She is the rare actor who can be as small or as large as a script dictates. (For the record, she's five foot three.)

When acting, her devotion to a role is complete. In 2005, Portman received a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress as well as winning the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress for the drama *Closer*. She shaved her head and learned to speak with an English accent for her starring role in *V for Vendetta* (2006), for which she won a Constellation Award for Best Female Performance, and a Saturn Award for Best Actress. She played leading roles in the historical dramas *Goya's Ghosts* (2006) and *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008).

In May 2008, she served as the youngest member of the 61st Annual Cannes Film Festival jury. Portman's directorial debut, *Eve*, opened the 65th Venice International Film Festival's shorts competition in 2008.

Plus she speaks Hebrew. And...have you seen her rap video? It's remarkably vulgar and hilarious. This is an actress comfortable in her own, beautiful skin.

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the County would be sailing along all shined up and proper. Indeed it was. Until January 2010. At that time, a Tea Party candidate Edward P. Mangano, who promised tax cuts and big spending projects got elected and he came in and did exactly that. Suddenly the County has to be bailed again.

The whole thing reminds me of the three terms of Town Supervisor McGintee of East Hampton who, until last year when he "retired," did the same thing that this guy in Nassau County has just done. The difference is McGintee hid the fact, even from the other councilmen, while this guy announced it ahead of time and is proud of it. Go figure this out.

NEVER SICK

I heard an interview on NPR radio with a guy who has written a book about choosing the genetics of your upcoming children. I didn't quite catch the name of the book he wrote. But he claims that the price of ordering up your children the way you want them has come down dramatically in the last 10 years. The first genetic alterations (on a sheep) cost $4 billion to accomplish. Today, genetic alterations cost just $20,000. Think of how popular this will be when the cost is just $200.

You could order up a kid with black skin, big ears and a proclivity for pickup basketball like President Obama. Or you could order up a kid with blond hair and blue eyes like Paris Hilton. You can also order up which diseases you want your kid to be likely or unlikely to get. The author talked about how wonderful it would be not to have your kid get Alzheimer's or Parkinson's or Prostate or Breast Cancer. He seemed to suggest that some people would prefer some diseases but not others. He was a bit of a wobbly fellow if you ask me. But people—especially people who get facelifts or nose jobs or whatever—are going to gobble up this book.

A $150,000 A YEAR SOUTHAMPTON JOB

Southampton Town is doing a pretty good job in balancing its budget in hard times. They've had to make tough choices, but they have steered clear of trouble. However, over the holidays, something absolutely awful happened that you should know about if you don't already.

About 10 years ago, a new office called the Southampton Town Management Department was created, headed up with a highly-paid chief whose job it was to see that those people hired by the Town Supervisor were people who fit the federal guidelines about hiring without regard to race, religion, sex and all those other things.

Ten years ago, having this department made sense. But today with Don't Ask Don't Tell gone, with a black man in the White House and with a woman as Secretary of State, our current Town Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst cut this office from the 2011 budget.

The budget was presented to the Town Board in November. The Town Board should have rubber stamped it around December 15. But Throne-Holst is a Democrat and the Town Board is 3 to 2 Republican. Just seven days before the vote, the Board voted 3 to 2 to amend the budget by re-establishing this office and putting in as chief a political hack from Aquebogue named Russell Kratoville, who just happens to be a Republican and who has dutifully made donations to that party over the years. Kratoville's last job was some mid-level bureaucratic job with the County that he got laid off from. He would scoop up the $150,000 salary plus perks.

The budget, which would now be voted upon in a week, had this in. Throne-Holst went ballistic. Many of the townspeople who care about these things did also. But the Republicans sat tight and said nothing for the seven days and then on the appointed day voted through the budget 3 to 2. There's now a lawsuit in place against the town over this.

You can see the popular video about this situation that the Democrats posted last month at youtube.com/watch?v=_MAuIYr_x_0

GRUCCI FIREWORKS

A member of the Grucci fireworks clan, Joe Grucci, has been arrested for shooting his grandson, Chris Giresi, 20. According to the charge, Giresi brought a bunch of rowdy friends over to his house at three in the morning, waking the household. After a shouting match, the elder Grucci got a shotgun and blasted the grandson in the stomach. He was taken to Brookhaven Hospital where he is listed in satisfactory condition. All this took place in a house in Bellport. Giresi has several drug charges pending against him. Joe Grucci is not employed by Grucci Fireworks.

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At the Publick House, All that Matters is Beer

By David Lion Rattiner

In Southampton, there's one restaurant that brews its own beer: Southampton Publick House. Here you find just about everybody in Southampton stopping in to taste what new brew they have coming out of the tap.

Recently, the brewery launched its Christmas ale, a darker lager with a hint of sweet. This was replaced by the Yorkshire Ale, which was a light-colored beer infused with a nitrogen pour to give it a creamy flavor. Think Guinness beer but yellow in color, not black.

The scene at this restaurant/bar in Southampton is ripe for a reality television show. There is Brady the bartender, a Southampton local who never misses a beat and is always happy to listen to a customer's latest story. Then there's owner Donald Sullivan, the head honcho, who makes sure that his business is running well and that the beer continues to be perfect. Regulars from all walks of life come in–guys from New York City visiting their homes for the weekend fresh off the Hampton Jitney will rub elbows with a local painter and share a toast.

But it's all about the beer here, and the mastermind behind legendary beers such as the Espresso Stout, the Montauk Light, the Golden Lager or the Double White is head brew master, Phil Markowski, who Sullivan describes as, "The best guy I ever hired."

Markowski began brewing beer professionally in 1989 at the New England Brewing Company in Norwalk, Connecticut. In June, 1996, he moved to Southampton to serve as resident brew master at the Southampton Publick House. He has been there ever since.

Markowski's beer philosophy is to study the great beer styles of the world and add his unique spin. He produces beers of immense character that are interesting, delicious and well-balanced. For some of his limited release specialty Belgian-style brews, beer fans have been known to come from out of state to wait in line for hours to buy a case.

And his limited releases, while celebrated when they officially hit the tap, are often greatly missed. The replacement of the Yorkshire Ale with Christmas Ale dismayed Yorkshire fans. "That one is my favorite," said Mike, a Morgan Stanley analyst who works in New York City and commutes to Southampton daily to be with his family. "I was a very sad man when they ran out of Yorkshire."

One of the more interesting aspects of the Southampton Publick House is a chalkboard that lets you know the beers that they serve and the alcohol content in them. Not surprisingly, the beers with the highest alcohol content are among their most popular. The Southampton Double White Ale, which contains 7.2% alcohol, is rarely criticized and is almost magically spiced. It provides the drinker a nice bite but with a clean finish.

Another favorite is the Southampton IPA, which is an authentic English-style amber ale with a unique character that comes from a special blend of five hop varieties and imported English malts.

Then of course there's the ever-popular Montauk Light, which is full bodied but has fewer calories than any other beer they serve.

The Southampton Publick House, at 40 Bowden Square, is one of those timeless pubs that, 50 years from now, probably won't look very different than it does today. It's a place where beer is celebrated, taken seriously and enjoyed.

You could call it a beer vineyard, as the experience of tasting the brews—if you've never tried them—isn't all that different than a wine tasting. It's also just as interesting to see through clear glass walls, the behind the scenes process of how the beer is made, with giant steel drums filled to the brim in a symphony of hops, yeast and local pride.

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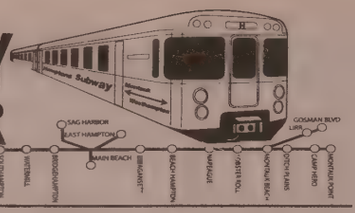

"Along with the New York Subway System, Hampton's Subway is the only underground transit system in the State of New York."

By Dan Rattiner

Week of January 6-12, 2011
Riders this week: 6,011
Rider miles this week: 72,011

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Alec Baldwin was seen standing on a subway car heading eastbound between East Hampton and Sag Harbor with his arms linked to two beautiful women, one on each side, at 10 a.m. January 2. There was only one other person in the car—one of our paid spotters, sitting down—so it seemed odd they would be standing like that rather than sitting. What was up? The spotter has asked that we do not reveal her name to Baldwin.

HAMPTON SUBWAY SENDS CARS TO HELP THE NY SUBWAY SYSTEM DURING THE SNOWSTORM

Hampton Subway traffic manager Ted McPherson acted instantly when he learned that two feet of snow had hit Manhattan during the recent blizzard and several subway trains in New York City were snowbound and unable to perform their routes. Snowfall in the Hamptons was less than eight inches.

"I ordered two of our fastest trains to the Subway Yards in Queens first thing Sunday morning," he said, "and I am told they performed magnificently in helping the MTA keep many of the schedules on time. This time of year, we have less ridership than in the summer and so it was no skin off my nose to do this. Usually we have three or four trains that just sit around in the Montauk yard all winter."

The MTA did not answer phone calls when we tried to get a quote from them on how the Hampton Subway cars helped out or otherwise were appreciated. But several riders in Manhattan called us to say they had boarded Hampton Subway trains on the Lexington Avenue line and thought it was some kind of Twilight Zone dream and how did that happen so we know this was successful on one level or another.

KIKKI ELLIS WINS "COUNT THE CARS" COMPETITION

Kikki Ellis, age nine, was the winner of our "Count the Cars" competition over the holiday season. Parents were asked to take their kids out to Montauk and up to the top of Fort Hill where the view westward looks down on our subway yards, adjacent to the Montauk Railroad Station. Entrants wrote their guess and their name and address on a piece of paper and put it into a metal mailbox we had set up there atop the hill and after sorting through the papers and finding only those who had the correct number, Kikki's name was picked out of a bowl. Kikki enjoyed a whole afternoon with Santa Claus and a subway motorman on the day after Christmas as it went round our whole 65-mile system from Westhampton to Montauk waving to the crowds on the platform. And no, we will not tell you the number because, as Commissioner Aspinall has told us, he doesn't plan to buy any new cars this year and so the number is to be kept as secret as the formula for Coca Cola, since we will be holding this event again next year and don't want to give away the answer. But I think we can safely say it was between 20 and 30.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Before I fired Hampton Subway Traffic Manager Ted McPherson for sending two of our multi-million dollar subway trains to New York City without asking me, I did ask him how the hell he got them there? As I am sure you know, the Hampton Subway System was built underground back in 1932 by a crooked New York City subway system builder named Ivan Kratz. Kratz had triple ordered the material he needed for the NYC line. When investigations began to point to him, he quickly ordered all the material out to the Hamptons, which was nearly uninhabited at that time, and here he successfully buried the material by building a secret subway system. He then got acquitted. The Hampton Subway system was re-discovered by accident in 2007

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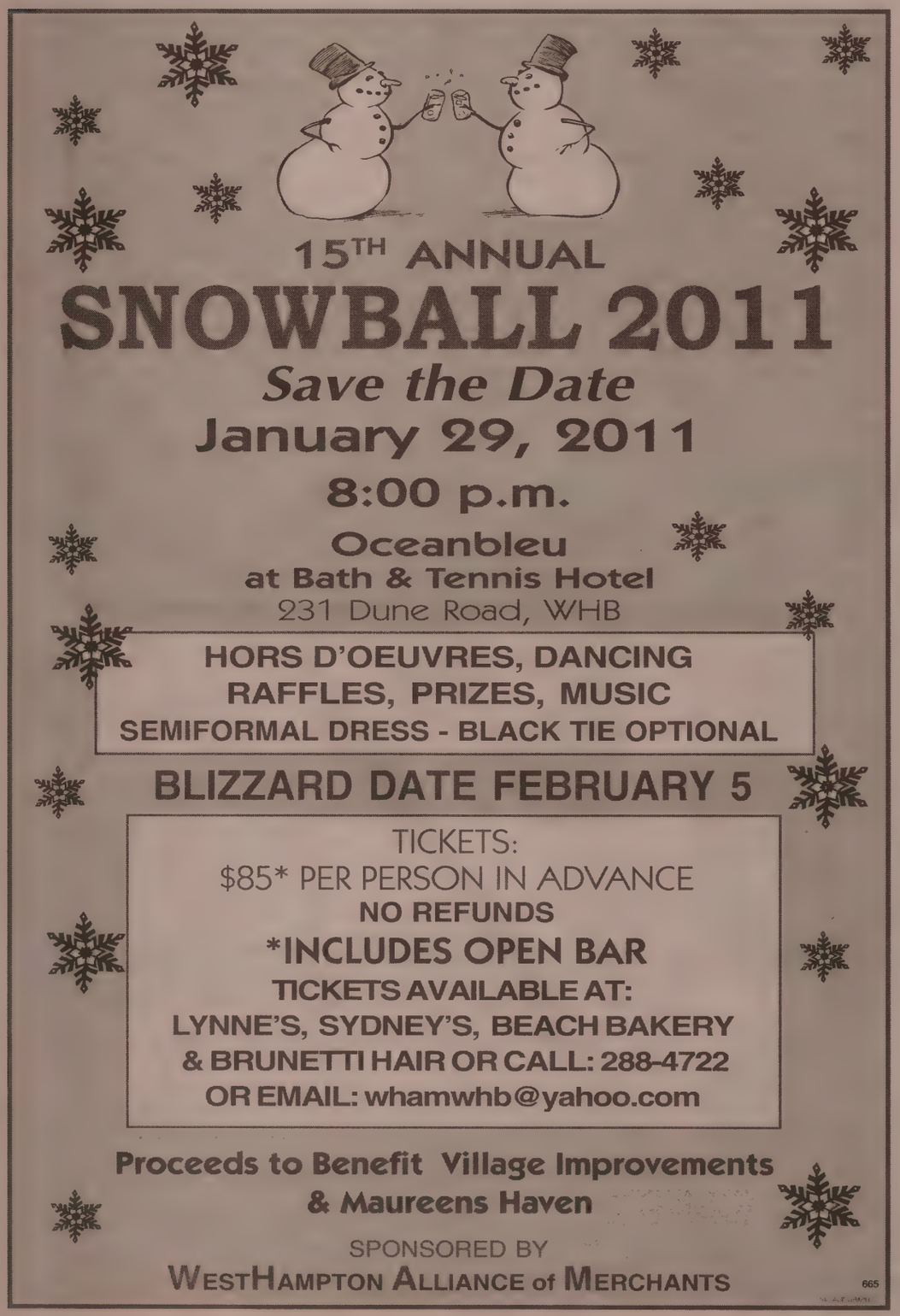

Thoughts on the Community Preservation Fund

By T.J. Clemente

The Community Preservation Fund (CPF) was created in 1999 through the efforts of Assemblyman Fred Thiele, State Senator Ken LaValle, and State Senator Mark Alessi. Since then, more than 8,000 acres have been retired from commercial and residential use through the fund.

"Since its inception in 1999, the Peconic Bay Regional Community Preservation Fund has generated $658.43 million," said Thiele. "Based on recent activity, CPF revenues are projected to be in the $57-$60 million range for 2010. Revenues for 2009 totaled $40.3 million."

The 11-month total for 2010 is $53.6 million. This is 54.7% higher than a year ago for the same period, when just $34.64 million was collected (using Thiele's numbers).

The CPF (which derives revenue through the 2% tax on homes sale prices over $275,000) has been the catalyst for purchases and preservation of huge tracts of open land that will forever keep the East End the jewel that it is. Property acquired through CPF is in effect removed from the tax rolls.

I wondered if the loss of 8,000 acres that once produced tax revenue has had an effect on the tax base. Wouldn't that drop in revenue be felt now, as towns scramble to make ends meet by cutting back services and public sector jobs, and slashing budgets?

When I asked Thiele about the issue of losing that tax revenue, he said, "The research shows that open space is the best buy. For roughly every acre that is residentially developed, $1.30 in services is required for every $1 of taxes it generates. Open space keeps taxes lower. Nassau County and western Suffolk have much higher tax rates than the East End because of the demand for services that development creates. Further, in the Pine Barrens, where there has been concentrated preservation, payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) are already provided to local districts.

"In addition, the protection of open spaces has increased the value of surrounding properties and the size of the tax base," Thiele continued. "In short, I don't see land preservation creating a problem for the local tax base. The assessed value of local towns has been increased—not decreased—by land preservation. Increases in government spending far beyond the rate of inflation have caused tax increases, not land preservation."

I then asked Thiele if there will or can be changes to the use of the CPF to help the towns through these hard times. Again he seemed to have a different view based on his expertise—as one of the people who created the program. "The program is scheduled to expire in 2030," he said. "At this time, I don't foresee any changes or extensions. I would expect to see more focus on historic properties as the open space and farmland goals are reached.

"The only real change I'd like to see is increased openness and transparency in the process so that we don't get another case like East Hampton...where the CPF was victimized to cover other management problems."

Finally, I asked Thiele if the towns can sell off the land purchased under the CPF program if the economy worsens and the towns become desperate for revenue.

"CPF lands can only be sold where permitted by an act of the State Legislature...the same goes for park land," he said, "and they must be replaced by other lands of equal or better value...including environmental value."

Although the CPF allows 10% of the funds to be used for administrative services for the properties purchased, Southampton Supervisor Linda Kabot wanted to explore legal avenues to increase that percentage, but got nowhere. Current Southampton Supervisor Anna Thorne-Holst has not focused on the CPF in addressing this year's budget needs.

In East Hampton, many supporters of Supervisor William Wilkinson want to repeal the tax and voiced their opinions at every campaign event I attended. However, as of this date, Wilkinson is actually cutting East Hampton Town taxes this year and seems to have a handle on the budget without tapping into CPF funds.

Perhaps the truth is that if there was no development there would be no taxes, but development seems to be a solid trend. But considering Thiele's logic, and his figures of $1.30 of services required for every $1.00 of development, one must take pause.

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Rate:	4.125%	4.500%	4.500%	5.125%	5.125%	5.375%
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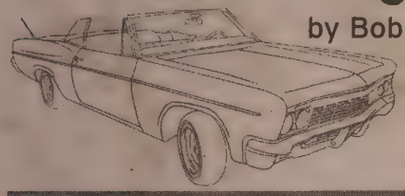

One holiday season during my weekly broadcasts as the on-air "car expert" for News 12 Long Island, I recommended gifts for car buffs. One was a small key fob with a Porsche logo on it. Jokingly, I said, "Think how much better you Ford Escort owners would feel just looking at your keys." WELL, I had no idea that News 12's broadcast philosophy was even more politically correct than CNN's. After my comment about the Porsche key fob, the female news anchor went on the air and actually apologized to the Ford Motor Company for my comments. My thoughts: LADY, I WAS ONLY KIDDING! It is with this spirit that I write this article.

The holiday season is gone. No more overcrowded stores, less traffic and yes, lots of silly gifts to return. For car guys and girls, here's a selection of proper gift ideas.

Ferrari owners, what do you get these guys? They've reached the top of the automobile pecking order—this is a tough crowd to please, even a hard club to break into. They frowned upon those Tom Selleck wannabe's who drove those gauche 1975-1985 308 series Ferraris. You might as well show up with a Fiat-dino if you own a Mondial coupe or Spyder. The only Testarossa they respect is the one built in 1958, a drop dead gorgeous racecar with pontoon fenders.

So, get these Ferrari guys and girls a nice watch. Keep it mechanical looking, like a Tag Heuer or Rolex Chronograph, always crowd pleasers among car buffs. BUYERS TIP: These high-end timepieces are available at most major upscale retail department stores, however for a best buy take a trip downtown to the corner of Spring and Broadway. Find a street vender named Yuri "The Fist" Slavico and ask him about his Euro watch collection. In car collector jargon, he sells quite a few "replica" watches. His low prices will amaze you. One more piece of advice, don't haggle with Yuri the Fist. Oh, and afterwards, go up the street to Katz's delicatessen, the oldest deli in New York, get a pastrami on rye. Good stuff.

British car owners are a fussy lot. The guys who drive Jag-U-ars, MGs, Astons, Triumphs, Austin Healys, all those cars that are usually painted so many different shades of green that the color codes can drive one crazy. There's Balmoral green, Aston green, Hunter green, Kelly green, British Racking green, etc. Maybe the best gift for these folks is cold cash. But that's insensitive. A proper British gift, popular among men and women, is a Burberrys raincoat. Quite useful among owners of classic British convertibles—when it rains, their Burberrys keep them dry inside their automobiles. Part of the charm of driving a classic British convertible in the rain is that it is always a tad wet inside the vehicle. Rather bizarre engineering, considering the fact that it always rains in England, BUYERS TIPS: a fun place to shop for die-hard British stuff is in a Range Rover dealership, which sells great clothing. When there, act British, you know, fake an accent, you'll get better service.

American car collectors are easy to please but you have to understand the tribe mentality. Chevy and Ford car collectors regard each other about the same as Republicans and Democrats. Let's not forget the Independents like the truck and military vehicle collectors. Include the lunatic who are those strange guys who collect amphibious cars, French cars, flying cars and Hudsons. To please this varied bunch, try a crowd pleaser, like a year's subscription to *Hemmings Motor News Magazine.*

German car collector types are almost as nutty as Ferrari guys, especially Porsche nuts. They eat and sleep Porsches, and like their cars more than their wives. Disliking other cars, especially BMWs and Corvettes, they have their own powerful national Porsche club that prints a fancy magazine that looks like *Vanity Fair*. They all drive black 911s and some even secretly own Porsche SUVs, a Porsche model frowned upon by die-hard Porschephiles. Other Porsches frowned upon by these Porsche snobs are their own company's products, Porsche 914s, 924s, 928s and 968s. Most of them wear only Porsche design sunglasses and watches and, of course, black clothing. They think they're living in a *Matrix* movie. Besides getting them a life, get these guys a copy of Karl Ludvugsen's epic book of Porsche history, *Excellence Was Expected*. It's magnificent, and the cover is a deep black.

Happy 2011 to all, and to all, a good ride.

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Martin D Newman to William Mulroy, 78 East Hollow Road, **4,500,000**

57 Waters Edge Road LLC to 57 Waters Edge LLC, 57 Watersedge, **2,025,000**

MONTAUK

Stephen & Susan Parziale to Dalal Preidel, 3 South Edison Street, **1,200,000**

NORTH HAVEN

Barbara A Watts to Michael & Rina Nessim, 97 North Haven Way, **1,500,000**

QUOGUE

Estate of William F Reilly to Louis & Rose Germano, 26 Shinnecock Rd, **6,500,000**

Daniel & Naomi Rapoport to Charles & Lyris Mansoor, 12 Pheasant Run, **1,700,000**

REMSENBURG

Ann & Laurence Posser to Barbara & Bernard Hyman, 5 Mallard Lane, **1,150,000**

SAGAPONACK

Estate of George Cervenka to 515 Parson LLC, 515 Parsonage Lane, **3,300,000**

SOUTHAMPTON

HME Holdings Inc to Westlawn LLC, 107 Great Plains Road, **13,000,000**

MDP Southampton Racquet Club LLC Southampton Day Camp Realty LLC 665 Majors Path, **7,650,000**

Betty Simpson Knowlton Living Trust to Tupey LLC, 3 Davids Court, **5,000,000**

Doran A Mullen to Georg Thaler, 166 Hampton Road, **1,130,000**

WAINSCOTT

Matthew John Duyck to 145 Sayres Path Inc, 145 Sayres Path, **2,725,000**

Frank Schwab to Joan & Lawrence Zombek, 7 Windsor Lane, **1,350,000**

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Herbert Cohen to Leonard & Trena Rauner, 68 Fenmarsh Road, **850,000**

William Fuchs to Gwenn L Carr, 5 Rowman Court, **600,000**

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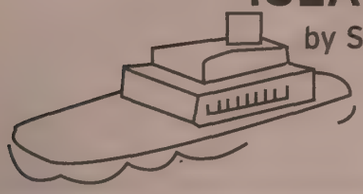
by Sally Flynn



Annual Updates

I think I liked it better when Christmas cards (to be politically correct, Season's Greetings cards) were just Christmas cards. A pretty picture on the cover, a nice sentiment inside and a brief note that communicated that the sender was well and thinking of you during the holiday season.

With the introduction of the personal computer, we went newsletter crazy with all the fun fonts and pictures at our fingertips. America got into sending update letters inside the cards. I did it too for a while. It wasn't bad if you had a good year and had lots of positive things to report. In a bad year I'd write something funny. In a really bad year, I'd just send a card and let them wonder, and hopefully assume, that I had such a great year I didn't want to rub it in their faces by writing about it. I always hate it when I get a newsletter from a friend whose family seems to be getting along great and doing everything my family isn't doing. By the time I get to the end of their report, I'm so depressed that I make a note to never send them one of my family newsletters because it would be pathetic by comparison.

This past season my mother got one of those "We are a perfect family" newsletters from a friend. It read something like this: "Jeanie and I just love it here in The Villages Retirement Center in Florida. We feel like we're on vacation all the time. We're in Ocala, which is only an hour drive from Disney World and other major theme parks. We love to attend the many concerts and fairs that are available to us here. And since we have such a good retirement package, we never worry about money. Kids and relatives come to see us all year and I have to say, I never thought life could be so wonderful." There's more, but that should sufficiently depress any normal person.

My mother, Joan, was certainly down after that letter. But then I pointed out to her that that letter was written by Tom, the husband, and men often have a different take on things. I told her I bet that if her friend Jeannie had written the letter, it might read differently.

"Hi Joan! I hope everyone is doing well. I'm hanging on okay down here in this swamp. I hate this place. I can't believe Tom got conned into buying into this retirement village. It's rows of townhouse apartments. The walls are paper-thin. All night I can hear my neighbors' apnea alarms go off. I never knew humidity could be so thick you could spread it on a cracker.

Tom loves it here, but you know him, he's half in the bag all time, so everything looks fine to him. We live an hour from Disney World and Tom continually broadcasts this to his whole family. Relatives descend upon us all year, like a steady stream of locusts, they land, consume all the food and resources and then leave. If I have to go to Disney World one more time and hear, "Hello, welcome to the happiest place on earth!" I'm going to punch Mickey right in the mouth.

Tom always likes to look like a big deal, so he insists on paying for everybody. I do the budget and I keep trying to explain the concept of fixed income, but I'm not breaking through the wall at all. My solution now is to tell people who want to come that they might want to wait until our quarantine for flesh-eating bacteria has been lifted. That's saved me twice so far, once from his niece, her husband, and their two monster children—who are all pain-in-the-ass vegans ("We can't eat this, we can't eat that") living on air and lettuce, but smoking dope in the bathroom and thinking that the fan and pine scented Lysol is covering the smell—and once from his very old Uncle Mel, who consistently forgets he can't smoke cigars in the house. He wants to be taken to all the Doo-Wop concerts, which are very big around here. It's nice to hear the old music, but sad to see how our teen idols have aged. I can hear their hips popping to the beat. Many have the new pacemakers with the Dance Beat, Sleep and Viagra Active options. It's nice to share this with you. At least I know you're too broke to visit. All my love, Jeannie."

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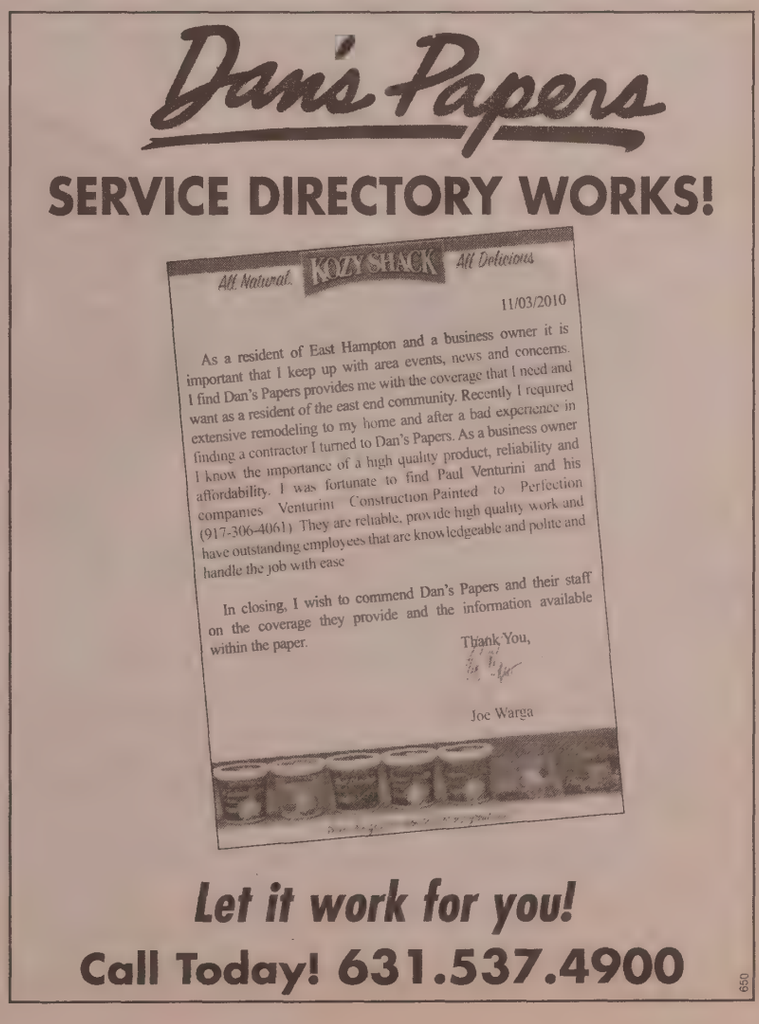
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Levy gets that backwards. "The Shinnecocks want a 'high class Monte Carlo-type' operation, a member of the tribe's Gaming Authority said, somewhere 'near our homelands in Southampton' and perhaps another, less posh facility in Nassau County."

Indeed, the Shinnecocks are hoping NOT to build a bingo hall on their property. Who wants gamblers running around on residential property? They want the big giant one a ways away, in a commercial or isolated area, but not so far away they can't drive to it in two hours to check on things, or work there. And if they get that they will forgo the bingo hall.

Levy writes extensively about the evils of the three cigarette shops that the Shinnecocks have on their property facing Hill Street. She even quotes one of the Shinnecocks opposed to them on moral grounds. "Tobacco is the biggest and worst addiction and it kills," she writes. Yet the tribe persists with this amoral behavior.

But the Shinnecocks are not doing anything different from what any off-reservation retailer does across New York State. They just sell the cigarettes without collecting the state sales tax. They are a nation outside of New York State, they claim. Not much of a moral difference there.

I should also note the headline for Levy's *New Yorker* article. It reads "Reservations. A tribe stakes its identity on a casino—in the Hamptons."

Hmm, are they abandoning their identity if they don't get a casino? News to me. I think their identity will live on no matter what. I guess from the perspective of *The New Yorker* this is going to be a real cliffhanger.

As things stand now, most people in the Hamptons, either local or summer, do not oppose where this is going. They know about the plight of the Shinnecocks and their triumphant victory in getting federal recognition—not bestowed on any tribe on Long Island before—and only granted by a thorough study determining that the tribe has had a continuous and documented existence since before the white men came. And they wish the tribe well.

Oh yes, I did mention that Levy had gotten another part of her research wrong. She saw lots and lots of children on her walk with tribal chief Lance Gumbs through the reservation and wondered if it was perhaps customary for Shinnecocks to have many, many children. Lance didn't know what to say. He was extremely offended by the question. It so bothered him that later, in the hopes of getting her to see the bigotry of this inquiry about Shinnecock fertility, he sent her an e-mail in which he questioned her Jewish fertility.

"Is it as I've been told that Jewish women such as you have few children because of their lack of interest in sex?" he asked.

Levy published that sentence written by Gumbs out of context in her account in *The New Yorker*. And gave her opinion of it. "Gumbs is a firm believer in ethnic profiling," she wrote as a way of explanation, turning the matter on its head.

And you wonder why the Shinnecocks are wary of the media.

South O' (continued from page 10)

as a celebrity in the prestigious Bob Hope Classic starting January 17 in La Quinta, California. Ann is only the third female celebrity player in the tournament's 52-year history. Actors **Kurt Russell, Kyle MacLachlan, Craig T. Nelson,** actor comedian **Kevin Nealon**, KISS guitarist **Tommy Thayer** and sports personalities **Wayne Gretzky** and **Bo Jackson** are already committed to play.

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Cindi Sansone-Braff, author of *Grant Me a Higher Love*, and fiancee of *Dan's Papers* writer T.J. Clemente, was named the Number One Psychic on Long Island by the Long Island Press.

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Kevin McLaughlin (owner of J. McLaughlin stores in Southampton and Bridgehampton), and his wife **Barbara McLaughlin** helped turn on the holiday tree lights along Park Avenue last month. Other Hamponites at the event were **Ann Colley, Fred** and **Stephanie Clark**.

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Hamptons regular **Nora Ephron** was on "The View" recently to discuss *I Remember Nothing*, her new book about the past, present and future, and the wisdom she hasn't yet forgotten.

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Congratulations, **Martha Stewart**! East Hampton's favorite domestic diva is about to become a grandmother. Daughter **Alexis** is expecting her first child via surrogate.

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TWENTY SOMETHING

by David Lion Rattiner

Well, it's a new year, and pretty much everybody that I know is interested in starting a new diet and/or workout program.

None of it makes any sense.

There was recently a news story that broke about the Twinkie diet. Nearly every single news outlet in the country was talking about Mark Haub, a professor of human nutrition at Kansas State University, who ate a Twinkie every three hours instead of a meal and lost 27 pounds.

Dieticians were dumbfounded. Even Mark was surprised. How could this be? Twinkies are supposed to be bad for you! But the truth was in the science and every indicator of health, including cholesterol levels, had proven that the Twinkie diet, did in fact, work.

Nobody knows what the heck is going on when it comes to health. I'm a big fan of comedian Lewis Black's viewpoint on health, which is simply that no matter what you do, you can't win. One of my favorite quotes on health is from Black. I deleted the curse words for you.

"We exhaust ourselves worrying about our health. We're obsessed with it. We worry about our health and when we worry about our health, guess what? We're not healthy! We're so worried about our health that we are now the fattest group of people on the planet Earth! 'Should I eat this or should I eat this? Well, I'll have to eat both!'

"For all we study about health, we know NOTHING. Is milk good or bad? I rest my case. You don't know, you don't know anymore. A lot of you were sitting there and thinking to yourself, I don't drink that crap anymore."

I think my favorite new fad diet as of late is the "eat the same thing diet." The idea behind it is that at every meal, you eat the exact same thing. It doesn't matter what it is, it could be a bacon sandwich, you can have it, only you have to have it at every meal.

I don't understand the logic behind this diet, but it apparently works. Supposedly what happens is you get bored of eating the same thing so you end up eating less.

This may be the reason why the Twinkie diet ended up working for Mark Haub.

I also love how this time of year we begin to see people take advantage of completely insane workout routines, which many of them swear by. "I'm doing this great new workout! I spin around in a circle until I get dizzy! You have to try it!"

Quite possibly the most hilarious workout I've ever seen is the laughing workout. This is an actual thing and I highly recommend that you at the very least look up a video of it. The concept is a group-led aerobic class where you are required to laugh while you do certain strength exercises. The laugh is a forced laugh, meaning that you are to fake laughing while you exercise. The videos of the routine, which can easily be viewed on Youtube by typing in "laughing workout," will make you laugh. The scene before you is a standard fitness video with a leader who shows you how to do each exercise, only while she does them, she begins to laugh like she is some kind of psychotic. I hope that this workout catches on.

I saw my first live "shake weight" in action at my gym last week. A woman literally brought one in herself and was in full action shaking this metal piston object back and forth. It was quite the scene.

I still can't believe that this is a product. However, I have no complaints about it.

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and shortly afterwards re-opened. It's been open since.

Could there be a branch of the system leading back to New York? According to McPherson, there is. Either that or an elaborate sewer system hookup. According to McPherson, the trip took 11 hours and did smell terrible. We are looking into this.

A further problem is that we have not either had our subway trains returned or even given an acknowledgement from the MTA that they are there. We just keep getting transferred from one clerk to another when we call.

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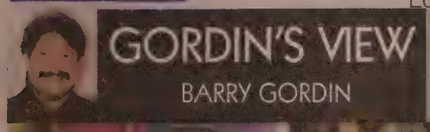

Gurney's Inn New Year's Eve "Motown" Party

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(East Hampton Indoor Tennis)

Chuck Casano, Jenna Pallan, Lauren Venetucci, Dave Jutton

Shy Kedmi (Keyboards), Matt Townsend (Sax)

Robert Trump, Ann Marie Monte, Herbert Stanwood

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Malorie Leogrande
("Soul Be It" Lead Vocals)

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Polar Bear Plunge @ Main Beach To Benefit The East Hampton Food Pantry

Barnaby Friedman, Tom Cohill, Mike Forst, Richard Kalbacher,
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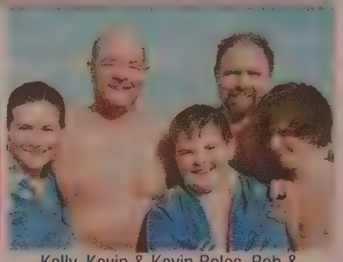
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Christopher Cinque, Bill Collins, Emily Ward, Mike Bunce

Phoebe Legere "La Divina" @ The Iridium

Phoebe Legere

Hilary Knight (Eloise), Susie Rakowski

Prudential Douglas Elliman Real Estate Holiday Party @ 230 Elm To Benefit The Sunshine Kids

Photos: Richard Lewin

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Greg Geuer, Gioia DiPaolo, Enzo Morabito

NORTH FORK

OVER THE BARREL

by Lenn Thompson

Long Island's Orange Wines

Shades can vary within them, but you've no doubt had wines that fell into three main color categories – white, pink and red. One local winery, Channing Daughters Winery in Bridgehampton, is producting three wines that introduce a new color to the local wine rainbow: orange wines.

No, these aren't wines made from orange juice (that sounds pretty unappealing, doesn't it?). These are technically white wines because they are made from white wine grapes, but they are made using red wine techniques, including extending contact with the grape skins, which give the wines a distinct golden-orange hue.

My favorite of winemaker James Christopher Tracy's trio of orange wines is the Channing Daughters Winery 2008 Meditazione ($40), a wine inspired by the "Vino da Meditazione" wines of Northeast Italy – uniquely Long Island through and through.

It is a blend of 27% sauvignon blanc, 27% chardonnay, 16% Tocai Friulano, 16% muscat ottonel and 14% pinot Grigio – all hand-harvested from their estate vineyards in Bridgehampton. Once harvested, the fruit was de-stemmed and the grapes fermented together on their skins for 10 days in an open-top fermenter before moving into 63% new and 37% old/neutral French and Slovenian oak for 18 months.

The resulting nectar is a wine to savor and ponder over the course of an evening – just cooler than room temperature. Layered and complex, the nose smells of dried apricot, fresh peach, lightly smoked black tea, roasted nuts, dried orange peel and citrus blossom.

On the fuller side of medium bodied, the palate shows beautiful intensity at 12% abv. The flavors range from dried apricot, black and herbal tea, roasted nuts, straw and Bosc pear skin. It's dry, with an almost Sherry-like salinity, noticeable skin tannins and citrusy acidity – all with a long, fresh finish.

Channing Daughters Winery 2008 Envelope ($40) – named as such because it pushes the proverbial envelope – is made with similar techniques, this time blending 71% chardonnay, 22% Gewurztraminer and 7% Malvasia Bianca.

Much more floral, the nose offers aromas of rose petals, baking spice, toasted almonds, candied ginger and tropical fruit.

Full bodied and mouth-filling, the palate is tropical and dense with flavors ranging from membrillo and mango to dried apple to nuts and to dried flowers. The acidity is a bit lower here, leaving the wine a bit less lively. I find it a bit more of an intellectual wine than an hedonistic endeavor.

$40 may be more than you're used to paying for non-red wines, but in the world of orange wines – which can be priced up to $100 – these are relative bargains. But, to bring the idea of orange wines to more customers, Tracy has Channing Daughters Winery 2008 Ramato ($20), an orange wine made entirely with pinot grigio. "Ramato" is Italian for

"copper" and it describes the wine's color perfectly. Made in older oak, for a shorter period of time, this is a less-complex wine, but still delivers a beguiling assemblage of fresh and dried fruit character. Entry-level orange wine? Absolutely... and it's great with a large spread of cured meat and cheeses...and olives and nuts and dried fruit and grapes.

North Fork Events

For more events happening this week, check out:

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THIS WEEKEND

"AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE" – Exhibition of prints, paintings, sculpture, neon installations and hand-painted ornaments. Through 1/9. Sirens Song Gallery, 616 Main St., Greenport. 631-477-1-21. Sirensongallery.com

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

VINES & CANINES – 11 a.m. Martha Clara Vineyards. Bring your dog for a walk through the vineyard with one of the winemakers. Your donation of a non-perishable dog food item will be delivered to one of several animal shelter foundations. 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. Marthaclaravineyards.com

LIVE MUSIC – 1:30-4:30 p.m. Featuring Jesse Barnes. Sparkling Pointe Winery. 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. Sparklingpointe.com. Free.

LIVE MUSIC – 2-5 p.m. Martha Clara Vineyards. Featuring "Second Chance" playing '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and Motown. 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. Marthaclaravineyrds.com

PECONIC BAY POWER SQUADRON SEMINAR – 1-3 p.m. "How to Operate Your GPS." A USPS University seminar at West Marine, 1089 Old Country Rd., Riverhead. Learn how to store and activate waypoints for navigation, how to develop safe, pre-qualified courses and how to make an informed purchase. 631-728-3721. $35 admission includes manual and quick guide.

MUSICAL EVENING – 7 p.m. Fiddler Alasdair Fraser with Natalie Hass, cellist. Presented by the Oysterponds Historical Society and Oysterponds Community Activities. Poquatuck Hall, 1160 Skippers Ln., Orient. 631-323-2480. Oysterpondshistoricalsociety.org. $30 for open seating; $60 for reserved. Reserved seats include a post-concert party with the musicians.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

SUNDAY UNPLUGGED – 2-4 p.m. Anthony LaScala. Peconic Bay Winery. Cutchogue. 631-734-7361. Peconicbaywinery.com. Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

OPEN ARTS STUDIO/EAST END ARTS COUNCIL – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., every Tuesday. 133 East Main St., Riverhead. Members are invited to use the Carriage House space to work. Tables, chairs and cleanup sinks will be provided. Bring your own materials. Meet other artists and have some fun working together. 631-369-2171. Eeac.org

LIVE MIC NIGHT – 7 p.m. DJ Rocky Divello. Every Tuesday at Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. BYO-Dinner and sing! 631-298-0075. Marthaclaravineyrds.com. Free.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

OPENING RECEPTION – 10-10:30 a.m. Sica Uncorked Retrospective. Sparkling Pointe Winery. 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. Sparklingpointe.com. Free.

ONGOING EVENTS

SOUP KITCHEN – Community supper, free soup kitchen for those in need. 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Weds. St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church parish hall. Sixth Street in Greenport. 631-765-2981.

REIKI CIRCLES – Last Mon. of every month. Grace Episcopal Church Meetings are held at the Peconic Bay Medical Center. 631-727-2072.

SKATEBOARDING –Skate park in Greenport offers ramps and a half pipe. 631-477-2385.

INDIAN MUSEUM – 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sun. Southold. 631-765-5577.

CUSTER OBSERVATORY – Weather permitting, Custer staff will be on site to assist visitors in observing the night sky and in using their telescopes. Open Sats., 7 p.m. until midnight. Southold. 631-765-2626. CusterObservatory.org.

MEDITATION - Buddhist meditations, 7 p.m. Mon. evenings at the First Presbyterian Church on Main St. in Southold. 631-949-1377.

LifeStyle

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

with Maria Tennariello

Start the new year off with **Amy Zerner's spiritual Ganesha necklace**...Ganesha is the Hindu God of Wisdom and remover of obstacles. Ganesha's large head represents the wisdom of the elephant, his large ears sift the bad from the good, his trunk is a symbol of his discrimination. He is associated with the primordial sacred sound OHM. Amy's intricate design is finely etched silver and 14k gold vermeil, and includes a little lotus charm and a faceted crystal bead, on a sliver ball chain. Ganesha is available from the artist and is specially priced at $250. For information call Zerner at 631-324-7695. (Zerner's new astrology necklaces are available at Bergdorf Goodman, fifth floor).

Ganesha Necklace by Amy Zerner

The Thrift Shop For The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation is gearing up to open their doors at 85 and 87 Jobs Lane, Southampton (a few doors from Le Chef) to benefit the animal shelter. Scheduled to open later in January, the Foundation is accepting donations of new or gently used clothing, furniture, furnishings, artwork and accessories. Already on their walls, shelves and racks is a mix of artwork, custom men's suits, Armani and other designer names. For pick-ups on larger furniture or furnishings, contact the shelter at 631-728-PETS (7387). Stay tuned...

Think, solar, think saving bucks! **Sunation Solar Systems**, Montauk Highway has recently opened their second location (the first in Oakdale), and has some good news from LIPA with a Solar Rebate program. A New Year jumpstart on rebate applications will save you up to 60% on your heating and hot water bills. Stop into their brand new Eco-Friendly Green showroom featuring sustainable energy solutions. Call 631-750-9454 or visit sunationsolarsystems.com

To celebrate the New Year 2011, for the month of January, **Sara Nightingale Gallery**, 2418 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, will be a New Kid On The Block. Works from the Sara Nightingale Gallery, 21 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island, will be available at this location for the entire month of Januar,y featuring special artworks and more.

Time to re-do and redecorate, for the new year. **The Verduno Collection**, in their professional workroom in Sag Harbor, is ready to give you some good ideas for drapes, Roman shades, bedding, pillows, upholstery, lighting and more. Call 631-899-3190 for an appointment.

Now that 2011 has begun, it is time to start anew. Sag Harbor's **The Juicy Naam**, 51 Division Street, is featuring their famous Naam Cleanse at "2 for 1" for the winter. Stop by to fill out your Health Evaluation and your cleanse will be completely customized for you! A 100% organic live juice/food, which includes a preliminary health consultation, customized juices, ongoing support before, during and after and access to customized treatments and healers for a transformative experience. Open 7 days a week, at $75/day per person when you renew with a friend! 631-725-3030.

Shop East Hampton! **"Let's Come Home To Main Street"** is happening right now. In the mix, Guild Hall will be showing great movie classics for free every Tuesday at 2 p.m. Pick up your free Day Pass at BookHampton, 41 Main St. The book lovers' favorite BookHampton, the elegant White's Pharmacy, Hildreth's Department Store, Tennis East and the classic children's shop Bonne Nuit, are offering an across-the-board 15% Off on everything every Tuesday until April. A lunchtime break with the same 15% discount is also available Tuesdays at Rowdy Hall for hamburgers and Babette's for salads and smoothies, while The Palm has a terrific "bar bite" menu for an after-shopping supper. Rediscover the beauty and affordability of this historic town.Call 631-324-4939, ComeHometoMainStreet.com

New Kid On The Block:

Lon Hamaeker's new gallery/showroom, **Watermill Ateliers**, 903 Montauk Hwy., Water Mill has recently opened its doors, featuring specialized 20th century furniture, art and photography. Look for vintage furniture, paintings by Roger Justice, ceramic sculpture by Cati Van Milders, custom lighting by Kevin Inkawich, vintage canvas bags by Jeff Ricker, photography by Lon Hamaekers and works on paper by Roz Cole, just to name a few, 917-838-4548, lonhamaekers.1stdibs.com

Until next week. Ciao and happy winter shopping.

If you have any questions or your shop is having sales, new inventory or re-opening for the season, my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at: Shoptil@danspapers.com I will be happy to get the word out!

Winter Swimming

By Betty Sands

Unless you're a "Polar Bear," when the ocean temperature drops to "shrivelingly, achingly, bloody cold" you stay away from nature's biggest swimming pool. But swimming is such great exercise, offering a cardio workout without danger of muscle injury. So where can you swim on the East End in the dead of winter?

Actually, there are two great places. The East Hampton Recreation Center (otherwise known as the Y) at 2 Gingerbread Lane in East Hampton offers aquatic classes for adults and kids, as well as open swim lap times for adults. A schedule is available on their website, ymcali.org. You'll be sure to see folks you know from all over taking a dip, especially in the ultra-warm kiddie pool.

The other indoor cement pond is the famous saltwater pool at Gurney's Resort and Inn in Montauk. Enormous picture windows overlook the Atlantic – quite an experience especially in the winter, when you feel like you're swimming in the briny ocean, yet warm as can be while looking out at a sometimes snowy beach. Spa memberships are available, or you can pay by the day. Price of admission lets you into the gym as well as the men's or women's pavilion, with sauna, steam room and a Roman bath. While you're there, might as well get a massage, right? Oh, and you can swim, too. Go to gurneysinn.com

The Montauk Playhouse Foundation is in the midst of a capital campaign to add an indoor pool

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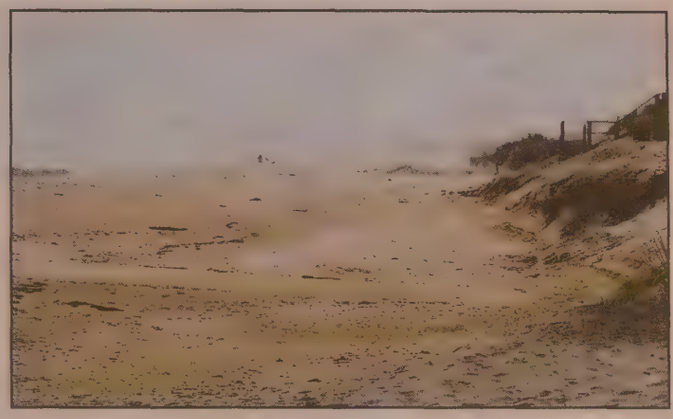
Hiking the South Fork

By Betty Sands

Welcome to the 2011 "off season" on the East End of Long Island. There aren't so many parties or openings or celeb sightings these days. However, there's still a lot of fun to be had.

The Southampton Trails Preservation Society (STPS) and the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (EHTPS) offer free hikes, walks and horseback tours of thousands of acres of preserved land throughout the South Fork. Free, healthy and informative outings – my personal favorites – are led by STPS guide Tony Garro. Garro's tours include in-depth history lessons about the natural and manmade sites along the trail. His passion is evident and no matter how many times I tour Sag Harbor or Bridgehampton with him, I learn something new.



Susan Galardi

Combing the beaches in the off season

The South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center (SoFo) on the Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike offers a "Big Woods Walk" for all ages this Saturday. Led by SoFo Nature Educator Crystal Possehl, this adventure promises surprises along a woodland walk through uplands and wetlands close to a salt marsh. Participants will look for animal tracks, bird nests and insects. Plus you can learn how the difference in a few inches in elevation above sea level affects the plant and animal habitat. The museum advises that you dress warmly for this one-mile loop trail adventure. Adults and children ages 6 years and older need to register at 631-537-9735. For more details see Dan's Kid Calendar or visit the SoFo website, sofo.org.

You can read the details about the other current hikes on offer in our Day By Day Calendar. This week alone hikes are offered that include rare ocean, forest and pond views as well as a special tour outside the historic Montauk Lighthouse. In warmer months you'll also find tours of historic buildings and cemeteries.

Much more information is of course available on these organizations' websites. The Southampton Trails Preservation Society's website is southamptontrails.org and the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society website is easthamptontrails.org. The outings are free and open to the public but you can support these organizations and get more involved by paying a small membership fee. So get out your hiking boots, bundle up and meet some new friends for an outdoor Hamptons adventure!

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

LEGO MANIA! AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY – 3:30 p.m., For children ages 4 and up. 2478 Main St., BH. First and third Thursday each month. Create anything you like with Legos at the library! A great chance for parents to relax and socialize. On February 3, we will have a special Legos as part of our Chinese New Year celebration: We'll build the Great Wall of China out of Legos! We greatly appreciate Lego donations.hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-537-0015, hamptonlibrary.org Through Feb 17.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

FIRST TIME ART – 10 a.m., For children 18-36 months with a parent or caregiver. Res. Req'd. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. Children will be introduced to different art materials that will emphasize the art experience rather than the product. Dress for mess. whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org

HAMPTON IDOL AUDITIONS – 4-8 p.m., Hampton Bays Community Center, 25 Ponquogue Ave., HB, for grades 7-12, register at 631-702-2425, southamptontownny.gov.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

NEW TEEN THEATRE PROJECT AUDITIONS AT WHBPAC – 8 a.m., Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB The Teen Theatre Project is the first step toward creating a young repertory company at the Center. Teen actors can audition privately on Saturday, January 8 with a prepared two-minute monologue for a non-musical play (title TBD). The cast will rehearse weekly for 13 weeks. Performance Friday, April 22. Call Julienne Penza for details or to schedule an audition. 631-288-2350, ext 114, JulienneP@whbpac.org, whbpac.org.

BIG WOODS WALK - 10 a.m., South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center, 377 BH-SGH Turnpike, BH. For adults and children ages 6 years and older. Reservations are necessary for all programs, 631-537-9735. Sofo.org.

LIZ JOYCE AND A COUPLE OF PUPPETS: PUPPETS OF THE HIGH SEAS – 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., live show, Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 East Union St., SGH. goatonaboat.org. 631-725-4193. $10, $9 for grandparents and members, $5 for children under three years.

MARBLE MASTER – 1-1:45 p.m. Reg. req'd.Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave.,WHB. For children grades 2-5. Mrs Fried will teach you to play a variety of games and then challenge you to show off your skills in a friendly competition. whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631 288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

PENGUIN ENCOUNTER – 11 a.m., Atlantis Marine World, 431 E. Main St., RVHD. A close up encounter with an African Penguin. General Aquarium Admission required and cost is separate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Children under 5 are not permitted, reservations@amwny.com 631-208-9200, atlantismarineworld.com. $50

AMARYLLIS FARM SANCTUARY - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 93 Merchants Path off Sagg Rd Sagaponack, BH visit the largest assortment of rescued animals on the East End. Children have an opportunity to feed the animals and pony rides are always available, christine@amaryllisfarm.com, 631-537-7335, $5

AFTERNOON TEA WITH "T" AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY - 2:30 p.m. For children ages 4 and up. Reg. req'd. Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., BH. Also Feb.13. Enjoy a delicious cup of tea, perhaps some other treats, and fantastic stories with "T"!, hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-537-0015, hamptonlibrary.org.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

ACTING CLASS FOR 5-7 YEAR OLDS – WHBPAC 4-5 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center

76 Main St., WHB. 6-Week Session began Jan. 3. Classes focus on nurturing creativity and self-confidence. Reg. req'd. JulienneP@whbpac.org, 631-288-2350, whbpac.org

"CABARET KIDS" FOR 8 - 11 YEAR OLDS – 5:30-6:30 p.m., Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB, JulienneP@whbpac.org, 631-288-2350, whbpac.org

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

SPECIAL PARENTING EVENT AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY - 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., BH. The Awakened Parent Workshop: Facilitated by Anastasia Gavalas. Three Transformational Workshops – Join for 1, 2 or 3 sessions. For parents and caregivers. Reg. rec'd. Participants will explore hands-on activities, gain practical ideas, and focus on the art of parenting well. For children who need care during the workshop, "Fun with Em and T" will take place in the children's room at the same time. hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-537-0015, hamptonlibrary.org, hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us, hamptonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

BABIES & BOOKS – 10 a.m. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. For children ages 6-12 months with a parent or caregiver. Children can be registered for one series each month. whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org. Through Feb 28.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

INTRODUCTION TO DANCE & MOVEMENT – 3-4 p.m. Lodge at Squiretown Park, 62 Red Creek Rd., HB

These classes introduce boys and girls to the basic fundamentals of dance. Classes emphasize rhythm, coordination and balance. Classes also offered at 4 p.m. for four year olds and at 5 p.m. for 5-8 year olds.

Through, Feb 10, cbean@southamptontownny.gov, 631 728-8585, $45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

ME & MOMMY TIME - CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - 9:15 a.m. or 3 p.m. Atlantis Marine World, 431 East Main St., RVHD. All participants also enjoy all-day Aquarium Admission. Price Members: $40.00/series Non-Members: $60.00/series (Includes Admission for one adult/one child) 631-208-9200, ext. H2O, reservations@amwny.com, atlantismarineworld.com

ONGOING

Call or visit website for times. Registration may be required.

ART CLASSES – Classes for K-12. L'atelier 5 Art Studio, 1391 North Sea Rd., SH. 259-3898, latelier5.wordpress.com.

ART CLASSES AT PARRISH – Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Ln., SH. 283-2118, parrishart.org.

ART OF LIFE CHILDREN'S CLASSES – 4 - 5p.m. every Mon., Wed., Thur. Amy's Ark Studio & Farm, 10 Hollow Ln., WH. 902-3655. artoflife@verizon.net.

GOAT ON A BOAT PUPPET THEATRE – shows, classes, play groups, yoga at 4 East Union Street, SGH. Visit goatonaboat.org.

MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES – Mon., Tue. Thurs., & Fri. mornings, various locations, newborns-5 & caregivers, early childhood music & movement program w/ singing, dancing, instrument play & movement. 764-4180, mtbythedunes.com.

MUSEUMS

SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM –10-4, 7 days/week, year-round. 377 Bridge/Sag Tpk., BH. 537-9735, sofo.org

CMEE – Children's Museum of the East End. Interactive exhibits, arts & science-based programs, workshops, special events. 376 Bridge/Sag Tpk., BH. $9. 537-8250.

Please send all event listings for the kids calendar to events@danspapers.com by Friday at noon.

Katy's Cause

After a long, courageous battle with cancer, Sag Harbor seventh grader Katy Stewart passed away on December 30.

Katy's courage inspired us all. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Max Cure Foundation, Inc. (MaxCure.org). Designate whether funds are to be used for the scholarship fund to be established in Katy's memory at Pierson High School, or for pediatric cancer research in memory of Katy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Mail to:

The Max Cure Foundation, Inc.
21 Settler's Lane
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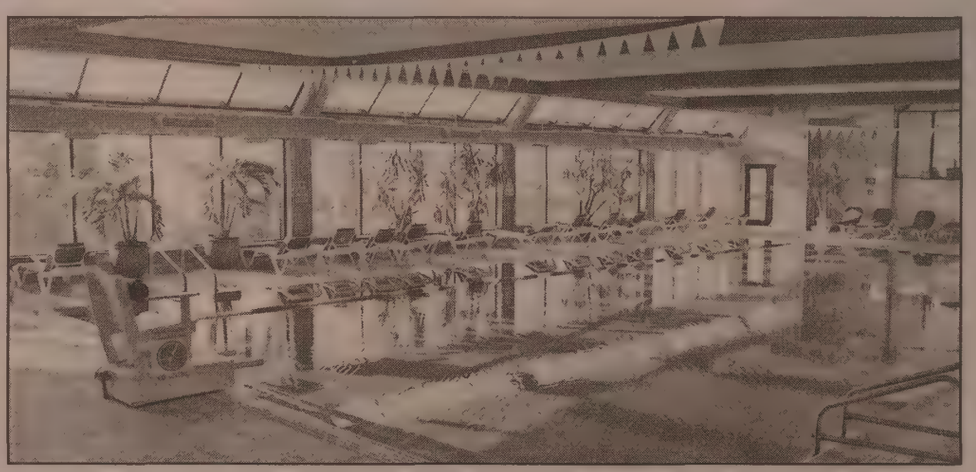


The sensational saltwater pool at Gurney's

to their fitness complex, which opened in 2006. To donate or for other program information visit montaukplayhouse.org.

Hot tubs are another way to enjoy the water when the temperature dips. I don't own a hot tub but my neighbor does. I figure if I take him a pot of fondue once in awhile it's an even exchange to use his hot tub. Love that winter exercise.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Elvis Comes to Sag Harbor

By Susan M. Galardi

It's that time of year again: Time to go to movies. In the last few years in the Hamptons, we've gotten some great new film options. The UA in East Hampton has 3-D—woohoo! The John Drew Theater at Guild Hall has the mother of all movie screens, with state of the art sound and projection technology.

Like the John Drew, the Bay Street Theatre, Parrish Art Museum and of the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts (WHBPAC) are offering more and more in the off season for movie lovers who are looking for off the beaten path choices. This weekend, there are some interesting options: The Metropolitan Opera simulcast of Puccini's *Fanciulla Del West* at the John Drew Theatre (Sunday, 1 p.m., see Day by Day calendar); the dark comedy *Nora's Will* from Mexico at the WHBPAC, January 7, 8 & 9 (see Day by Day, Friday), and at the Bay Street Theatre, TWO film celebrations of Elvis, just in time for The King's birthday on January 8. He would've been 76 this year.

Bay Street has been doing an Elvis weekend for a while, and this year the celebration begins on Friday with another of Joe Lauro's highly entertaining Legends Series offering – *Elvis and Friends*.

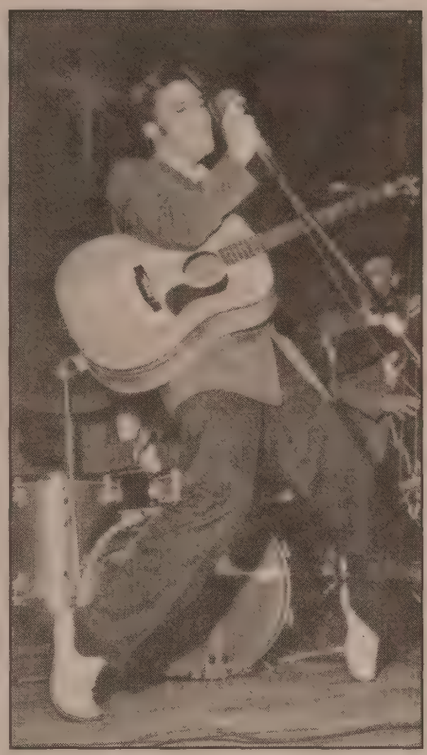
"I'm going to focus on the people who came up with Elvis – Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins – the Sun Records guys featured in the Broadway show *Million Dollar Quartet*," said Lauro. "Elvis will be in and out of it, but it's all about him."

Lauro said that the film will include only live performance clips of Elvis. "There will be no clips from movies. We're going to show him in the early days, actually playing with these guys – his 'label mates' from Sun Studios in Memphis. It's Elvis doing what he does best."

Also included will be clips of Wanda Jackson, who Lauro called "the female Elvis, the queen of rockabilly." After the film, keeping with the rockabilly theme, there will be dancing to the tunes of the band The Lone Sharks.

Lauro said he's also trying to get rights to material from Elvis's 1968 come back, "before he became the fat Elvis," he laughed. "We're sticking with the skinny Elvis."

The party continues Saturday with a screening of the 1961 film *Blue Hawaii*, where Elvis plays the young socialite Chad Gates, recently discharged from the Army, and happily back to surfing with his buddies in Hawaii. Rather than work in the corporation of his father's choosing, Chad decides to become a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency. In the following bit of dialogue, he defends his choice to his mother, played by Angela Landsbury.



A young Elvis Presley.

Chad: I like my job, mum. It's fun, it's interesting and I meet a lot of nice people.

Sarah Lee Gates: Nonsense. Tourists aren't people. They're... They're tourists.

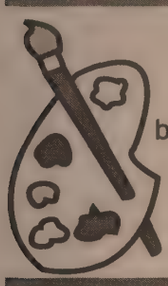
Add to that a lot of bikinis and tight white swim trunks, some ukuleles – you get the gist.

Elvis Weekend at Bay Street

The Legends Series presents *Elvis and Friends*, Friday, Jan, 7, 8:00 p.m. $20 for the film and the live band afterwards.

The Picture Show presents Elvis in *Blue Hawaii*; Saturday, Jan. 8, 8:00 p.m. $5.00

Bay Street Theatre, Sag Harbor



HONORING THE ARTIST

by Marion Wolberg Weiss

Joe Chierchio

While Joe Chierchio is known for his "traditional" images of figures in familiar settings (including this week's cover featuring a school bus on a snowy day), his newest project is different—at least at first glance. Called "Mixed Messages," the series still juxtaposes people in a definable environment, but this time it's Chierchio's New York City: sexy, energized and gritty. One image includes the Brooklyn Bridge—a personal icon for the artist.

But this series is more intense, with sexual images (like a woman sitting on a water hydrant) often predominating. Another example includes a woman running down a street strewn with fruit (particularly apples). Expressionism is the prevalent style, with raked angles (worm's-eye-view) adding distortion. A third recurring trait is the presence of foreground/background objects.

Q: You like to experiment, as is obvious with "Mixed Media." Any other things you're doing differently?

A: I'm working with watercolors now. It's a very tricky medium. You have to wait for the paper to dry or else you get a smear.

Q: Why are you changing media from colored pencils.

A: If you're truly a creative painter, you have to try different media. If not, the work becomes safe. It's nice to make yourself uncomfortable. Artists can't just do what the public wants. Everyone wants Tony Bennett to sing, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

Q: Doesn't he paint?

A: He's a very sweet painter. He says, "I'm a work in progress." I agree with that. If you think you're there, you may not be.

Q: Your latest experiment, "Mixed Messages," is very different.

A: It's my most contemporary work. We make digital prints of the imagery using my drawings, which are fantasy, and Cosimo Scianna's photographs, which are realistic.

Q: How did you and Cosimo come to collaborate?

A: We grew up together, went to art school together and worked together. We both left the commercial field and went into fine art. Cosimo said,"Let's collaborate."

Q: What talents did you use from your advertising days to create this series?

A: Graphic design, composition and concept. The idea comes first. Art has to talk to the viewer.

Q: How did the importance of the idea work in your experience at an ad agency?

A: When the writer would write copy with the visual in mind, that was good. Then it was easier for me to come up with images.

Q: Do you find yourself analyzing ad campaigns now? What's your general opinion of them?

A: I look at ads all the time. Most are full of tricks, gimmicks, sensationalism. If you look carefully, they are all technique. A lot of "show" and no "biz."

Q: Or no "fizz."

A: The point is, sell the sizzle rather than the steak. Concept comes first, execution comes second. That's my philosophy.

Joe Chierchio's work is on view at Southampton's Arthur Kalaher Fine Art Gallery. Call 631-204-0383 for information.

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ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

"Minimal Manor"

"Transcendentalists' Cabinet"

Conrad and Black Artist Association at Guild Hall

Winner of Guild Hall's 2008 "Artist Members Exhibition," Carolyn Conrad proves to be a worthy artist, combining both form/content and technique/concept in her current one-person show. Conrad is creating conceptual art that is sorely lacking in the Hamptons, although there are a few galleries that sometimes feature conceptual work, like Solar Gallery, Art Sites and Sara Nightingale. The point is, Conrad's art is welcomed.

Such work causes us to think, to discover an idea that often involves juxtaposition of objects and materials. Conrad's endeavors fit the bill. Consider particularly her award-winning "Zen and the Art of Helter Skelter." The dryer lint she uses and its relationship between the two companion pieces convey a message of opposing forces persisting side-by-side: the "Zen" consists of even horizontal lines (balance) while the "Helter Skelter" configuration shows imbalance and disconcertion through abstraction. The lint suggests another concept: mundane, everyday material may lead to profound philosophies.

A commonplace material (looking like a rug) sits on the floor, giving grandeur to Conrad's chair in another piece. The exalted "common place" as a motif shows itself again in "Folding and Hanging," where lint blankets and towels are displayed on a rack. Elevating the status of the everyday world is also inferred in Conrad's use of the word "transcendentalists" with a box construction, "Transcendentalists' Cabinet."

We might apply this phenomenon to Conrad's photographs of handmade objects, like "Minimal Manor" and "Moonlit Property," where ordinary box-like shapes are illuminated in a surrealistic way and imbued with extraordinary traits.

Oddly enough, the title of Conrad's show, "Simplify, Simplify," is a tricky one. Her work does not simplify anything. Quite the opposite.

Work from the Long Island Black Artist Association in on view in Guild Hall's Boots Lamb Center. The display is colorful and varied, conveying various subjects, styles and media. Consider Maxine Townsend Broderick's "Hot and Sassy," an abstract collagraph that is full of life and textural qualities. "Waiting Wives" is also arresting for its use of material and its political intent. Her quilt, "Tropical Life," is similarly vibrant and forceful. Another quilt, "A Sisters' Journey to Freedom," is also forceful, driving home a political purpose.

A photograph by Galvin Bisserup, "Precious Petals," and a pastel by Leslie Nicholson both show a talent for media and technique, two traits that are always a pleasure to behold.

The current shows at East Hampton's Guild Hall will be on view until January 16, 2011. Call 631-324-0806 for information.

Dear Mom and Dad,

This Camp is the Best!

We swam in the ocean and saw a BIG lighthouse

(at a place indians lived!)

I miss you and Spot but...

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ART OPENINGS & GALLERIES

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AMG-Amagansett; BRDG-Bridgehampton; EH-East Hampton; EP-Eastport; GP-Greenport; HB-Hampton Bays; JP-Jamesport; MV-Manorville; MTK-Montauk; NO-Noyac; PC-Peconic; Q-Quogue; RB-Remsenberg; RVHD-Riverhead; SGH-Sag Harbor; SGK-Sagaponack; SH-Southampton; SHD-Southold; SI-Shelter Island; SPG-Springs; WM-Water Mill; WH-Westhampton; WHB-Westhampton Beach; WS-Wainscott

OPENINGS AND EVENTS

OPENING RECEPTION - 1/8, 3-5 p.m. Gallery at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue St., Q. Landscape Paintings by Patricia Feiler. Through 1/31. Mon, noon -5 p.m. Tue & Thurs, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wed, Fri, Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 631-653-4224. Quoguelibrary.org

ARTIST'S RECEPTION - 1/8, 4-6 p.m. Southampton Cultural Center's Levitas Center for the Arts, 25 Pond Lane, SH. "Sculpture in Welded Steel," a collection of recent abstract sculptures by Water Mill sculptor Don Saco. On view 1/6-1/31. Gallery Hours: 12 – 4 p.m. or by appointment. 631-287-4377. Scc-arts.org

OPENING RECEPTION - 1/8, 5-7 p.m. Springsteel Gallery, 419 Main St., GP. Works by photographer Jay Webstr. Springsteelgallery.com. 631-477-6818.

GUILD HALL MUSEUM - Through 1/16. Fri & Sat, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun, noon-5 p.m. Moran and Spiga Galleries. 158 Main St., EH. "Cities of Peace, Ellen Frank Arts Foundation, Inc." The artist Ellen Frank is available during museum hours for tours and Q&A. 631-324-4050. guildhall.org. $7 suggested admission.

WORKS BY MICHAEL PARASKEVAS - Through 1/31. 4 N Main Street Gallery, 4 North Main St., SH. 631-283-2495. Open Sat./Sun., 12-6 p.m. and by appointment.

GALLERIES

ANNYX - 150 Main St., SGH. 631-725-9064.

ART & SOUL - 495 Montauk Hwy, EP. 631-325-1504. Artsoulgallery.com

ART BARGE - Victor D'Amico Institute of Art, AMG. 50 years art barge history. 631-267-3172.

ARTHUR T. KALAHER FINE ART - 28E Jobs Ln., SH. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily or by appointment. 631-204-0383.

BEGO EZAIR - Two locations: 437 Main St., GP, 631-477-3777; 136 Main St., SH. American Contemporary paintings, sculpture, video. 631-204-0442.

BENSON-KEYES – Montauk Hwy., BRDG. By appt. 917-509-1379 or elainebensongallery@gmail.com

SPRINGSTEEL GALLERY - 419 Main Street, GP. Sat, Sun, 11a.m.- 5 p.m. Springsteelgallery.com. 631-477-6818.

BOLTAX - 21 Ferry Rd., SI. 631-749-4062. Boltaxgallery.com

CELADON CLAY ART - 41 Old Mill Rd., WM. 631-726-2547.

CHRYSALIS - 2 Main St., SH. Thurs-Mon, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 631-287-1883.

CHUCK SEAMAN FISH PRINTING - 27B Gardner's Lane, HB. 631-338-7977.

D'AMICO INSTITUTE - Lazy Point, AMG. Furnishings, found objects. 631-267-3172.

DELANEY COOKE - 150 Main St., SGH. 917-445-8427. Delaneycookegallery.com

DESHUK-RIVERS - 141 Maple Ln., BRDG. 631-237-4511. Deshukriversgallery.com

DRAWING ROOM - 16R Newtown Ln., EH.

FLOWERS AT THE GREENERY - 19 Mitchell Rd., WHB. 631-288-7903.

GALERIE BELAGE - 8 Moniebogue Ln., WHB. 631-288-5082.

GALLERYB - 150 Main St., SGH. 631-725-1059. Thegalleryb.com

GUILD HALL - 158 Main St., EH. "African American Expressions," Boots Lamb Education Center. "Carolyn Conrad, Simplify Simplify: Constructions and Photographs," Woodhouse Gallery. Through 1/16. 631-324-4050. guildhall.org

HAMBURG KENNEDY - 64 Jobs Ln., SH. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed-Sun. Hamburgkennedy.com

JILL LYNN & CO - 66 Jobs Ln., SH. The Language of Painting by Jen Brown. Jilllynnandco.com

KEYES ARTS PROJECTS - 551 W 21st St., Suite 409, NY. Open Wed-Sat, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 917-509-1379. juliekeye-sart.com

LEIBER MUSEUM - 446 Old Stone Hwy, SPG. 631-329-3288. Leibermuseum.org

LUCILLE KHORNAK - 2400 Montauk Hwy, BRDG.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART - 2426 Main St., BRDG. 631-537-7245.

OUTEAST - 65 Tuthill Rd., MTK. 631-375-6730.

PAILLETTS - 78 Main St., SGH. 631-899-4070.

PAMELA WILLIAMS - 167 Main St., AMG. 631-267-7817. pamelawilliamsgallery.com

PARASKEVAS - Michael Paraskevas' work/children's book illustrations. By appt. 83 Main St., WHB. 631-287-1665.

PARRISH ART – Jobs Ln., SH. Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. 631-283-2118.

POLLOCK KRASNER - 830 Springs Fireplace Rd., EH. 631-324-4929.

PRITAM & EAMES - 27 Race Ln., EH. Furniture, Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun Noon-4 p.m., closed Wed. 631-324-7111.

QUOGUE LIBRARY – 90 Quogue St., Q. 631-653-4224. Quoguelibrary.org

RICHARD J. DEMATO FINE ARTS - 90 Main St., SGH. 631-725-1161.

ROMANY KRAMORIS - 41 Main St., SGH. "Numinous II," new work by Sag Harbor artist Chrisopher Engel, runs through January. 631-725-2499. Kramorisgallery.com

ROSALIE DIMON - 370 Manor Ln., JP. Noon-6 p.m. daily. 631-722-0500. Jamesportmanorinn.com

RVS – 20 Jobs Ln., SH. Noon-5 p.m. Thurs-Mon. 631-283-8546.

SGH HISTORICAL - 147 Main St. SGH. 631-725-5092. Sagharborhistoricalsociety.or.

SIRENS SONG - 516 Main St., GP. 631-477-1021. Sirensongallery.com

SPRINGSTEEL GALLERY – 419 Main St., GP. Sat, Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Springsteelgallery.com. 631-477-6818.

SOLAR - 44 Davids Ln., EH. 631-907-8422. Artsolar.com

SURFACE - 845 Springs-Fireplace Rd., EH. New works by resident artists, ceramist Bob Bachler, painter James Kennedy. 631-291-9061. Surfacelibrary.com

THOMAS ARTHUR GALLERIES - 54 Montauk Hwy, AMG. 18th and 20th Century Oil Paintings and Prints. New shows monthly. 631-324-9070. Antiguesvalue.net

TRAPANI FINE ART - 447 Plandome Rd., Manhasset. 516-365-6014. Trapanifineart.com

TULLA BOOTH - 66 Main St., SGH. Thurs-Mon 12:30-7 p.m. 631-725-3100. Tullaboothgallery.com

VERED - 68 Park Pl., EH. Vered Gallery's Annual Winter Group Exhibition will be on display until February 21. Works in this exhibit include drawings, paintings and photographs by Avery, Bluhm, Dash, de Kooning, Fischl, Kahn, Klein, Picasso, Pollock, Rivers, Slonem, Warhol and many others. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun-Thurs, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat. 631-324-3303. Veredart.com

WALK TALL - 197 Madison St., SGH. 631-681-1572.

WATER MILL ATELIERS - 903 Mtk. Hwy., WM. Lon Hamaekers: Photography, Art and 20th Century Antiques. 917-838-4548. lonhamaekers.1stdibs.com

WATER MILL MUSEUM - 41 Old Mill Rd. WM. 631-726-4625. Watermillmuseum.org

MOVIES

Schedule for the week of Friday, January 7 to Thursday, January 13. Movie schedules are subject to change. Always call to confirm shows and times.

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+)
(631-288-2600)
Little Fockers (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 7:00 Fri, 7:30 Sat-Sun, 5:00, 7:30
The Fighter (R) - Mon-Thur, 7:00 Fri, 8:00 Sat-Sun, 5:30, 8:00

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+)
Theater closed Tues. and Wed. (631-725-0010)
The Social Network - Sat-Sun, 3:45
The Tourist (PG-13) - Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Thur, 6:00
Fair Game - Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Thur 8:00

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Please call for show times (631-324-0448)
Tron: Legacy (PG)
Black Swan (R)
Yogi Bear (PG)
The King's Speech (R)
The Fighter (R)
Chronicles of Narnia (PG)
The Green Hornet (PG-13)

GUILD HALL
(631-324-0806)
La Fanciulla del West - Metropolitan Opera in HD - 1:00

UA HAMPTON BAYS (+)
(631-728-8535)

The Tourist (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:30 Fri-Sun, 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
Yogi Bear (PG) - Mon-Thur, 4:20, 7:10 F ri-Sun, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
Gulliver's Travels (PG) - Mon-Thur, 4:00, 7:10 Fri-Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40
Little Fockers (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:40, 7:30 F ri-Sun, 1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
Tron: Legacy (PG) - Mon-Thur, 4:10, 7:00 Fri-Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

UA SOUTHAMPTON (+)
(631-287-2774)
Little Fockers (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:45, 7:40 Fri, 4:45, 7:40, 10:10 Sat, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40 10:10 Sun, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40
Season of the Witch (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:30 Fri, 4:30, 7;30, 9:50 sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50 Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
True Grit (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:00, 7:00 Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45 Sat, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45 Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
How Do You Know (PG-13) - Mon-Thur, 4:15, 7:15 Fri, 4:15, 10:00 sat, 4:15, 10:00 Sun, 4:15
The Social Network (PG-3) - Fri, 7:15 Sat, 1:15, 7:15 Sun, 1:15, 7:15

BAY STREET THEATRE, SAG HARBOR
(631-725-9500)
THE LEGENDS FILM SERIES: ELVIS & FRIENDS PLUS LIVE MUSIC BY GENE CASEY AND THE LONE SHARKS - Fri, 8:00, $20
Blue Hawaii - Sat., 8:00, $5

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The Tourist (PG13)
True Grit (PG13)
Gulliver's Travels (PG)
Season of the Witch (PG13)
Tron (PG)
Little Fockers (PG13)
The Fighter (R)
Yogi Bear (PG)

WESTHAMPTON BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
(631-288-1500)
Nora's Will (Spanish, NR) – Fri.-Sat., 7:30 Sun., 1:00, 4:00

The sign (+) when following the name of a theater indicates that a show has an infrared assistive listening device.Please confirm with the theatre before arriving to make sure they are available.

Food & Dining

SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

The pearly white Peconic Bay scallops fished off the East End of Long Island are revered for their concentrated sweetness. The season for bay scallops begins on November 1 and generally continues through March. Howard Magee in his book *On Food and Cooking, The Science and Lore of the Kitchen* (Scribner), writes, "Large sea scallops are dredged from deep, cold waters year-round, while smaller "bay" and "calico" scallops are either dredged or hand-gathered from deep cold waters by divers close to the shore or during a defined season."

Bay scallops are a luxury in that they are a bit pricey. But who can resist these glistening, delectably tender, sweet candy-like morsels. A quick bay scallop sauté in butter seasoned with lemon rind and fresh parsley is ambrosial; another quick sauté of bays to serve over chicory and radicchio makes an elegant winter salad. Or prepare a seviche of bay scallops for a savory pick-me-up dinner party appetizer.

Any one of the following three recipes for bay scallops is a mid-winter treat before the season is over.

PECONIC BAY SCALLOP SAUTÉ

Have all the ingredients ready as bay scallops cook in a flash!

Serves 4

1 pound bay scallops, side muscle removed
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Grated lemon rind plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 to 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley

1. Refrigerate scallops, covered with a moistened towel, until ready to use (cook within a day of purchase). Have remaining ingredients prepped and ready to cook. Rinse scallops and pat dry before cooking.

2. Melt butter in a 10- to 12-inch heavy skillet and when butter foam subsides–and butter is starting to color quickly–add scallops in one layer and sauté for 40 to 45 seconds, turning once. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add grated lemon rind and juice and toss through the scallops. Remove from heat, sprinkle with parsley and serve at once.

WARM BAY SCALLOP SALAD WITH CHICORY AND RADICCHIO

The cold weather combination of local bay scallops, chicory and radicchio make elegant wintry fare.

Serves 6

2 to 3 ounces of chicory
1 small head radicchio
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
1 pound Peconic Bay scallops
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 to 3 large shallots, finely chopped
1 cup red wine vinegar
Snipped chives for garnish

1. Wash and spin-dry chicory and radicchio separately and wrap each one in paper towels to absorb excess moisture. If preparing ahead place the greens in plastic bags, close bags securely and refrigerate overnight or up to several hours ahead. When ready to serve, bring greens to room temperature and divide equally on 6 plates.

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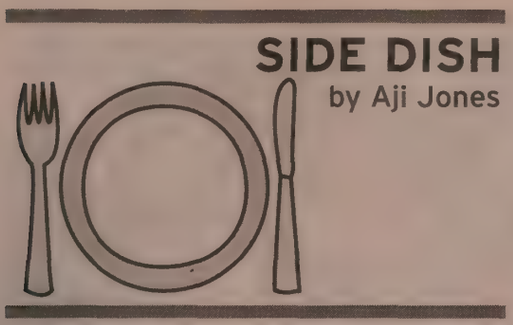

Rowdy Hall in East Hampton has announced the winter schedule for its book club, Rowdy Readers. The club meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Rowdy Hall and features a one-hour discussion on a selected author and writing. Lunch is also available with dishes such as warm baby spinach salad ($11), turkey burger ($14.50), and omelette of the day ($9.50). Bookhampton will also offer a 15 percent discount on each week's selection. January books are *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway on January 13, *Lost Horizon* by James Hilton on January 20, and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck on January 27. For more information call 631-324-8555.

Art of Eating Catering presents cooking classes on Friday, January 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, January 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. Classes will focus on demystifying soups and will include the building blocks of basic broth and cream-based soups and how to create different soups and stews. The cost is $95 per person for each three-hour session including tastings and wine. Space is limited and reservations are required. 631-267-2411.

The Ninth Annual **Hamptons Restaurant Week** will take place Sunday, March 13 through Sunday, March 20. Participating restaurants offer their unique three-course prix fixe menus for $19.95 and/or $24.95 all night except Saturday when they will be offered until 7 p.m. Diners may try discounted bottles of wine from participating vineyards for $19.95 or $24.95 per bottle at select restaurants. In addition, vineyards may offer discounts in tasting rooms and lodging properties will also offer discounts. Restaurants have begun to sign up including: **Gulf Coast Kitchen by Robbin Haas at Montauk Yacht Club, Serafina East Hampton, Southampton Publick House, and Stonewalls.** hamptonsrestaurantweek.com. 631-329-0050 x 108.

LT Burger in Sag Harbor offers an after-school special Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Special menu items for kids are available for $5 including mini burgers, mozzarella sticks, chicken nuggets, corn dog, grilled cheese, and steamed broccoli. LT Burger also recently introduced local Russet Rosko Potato French fries for $4.50 to the menu. 631-899-4646.

Indian Wells Tavern in Amagansett offers weekend brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes: breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, cheese, pico de gallo, andouille sausage, and guacamole in a flour tortilla topped with ranchero sauce ($12); Three deuces with two buttermilk pancakes, two eggs any style and two country sausage links ($8); and Irish smoked salmon with thin slices of Irish salmon with cream cheese, capers, red onion and a toasted bagel ($14). 631-267-0400.

Southampton Publick House in Southampton hosts "Brewers Weekend Brunch" every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is $15 per person, plus tax and gratuity, and includes one mimosa, Bloody Mary or 12-ounce draft. Menu choices include "Grand Gala" French toast, Belgium style waffles, short stack of pancakes, grilled steak and eggs, sliced prosciutto and melon panini; and Long Island style crabcake and poached egg. Lunch is also offered. 631-283-2800.

Jamesport Manor Inn in Jamesport serves Sunday brunch beginning at noon. A three-course prix fixe is offered for $25 per person and includes a complimentary Manor Mimosa or Bloody Mary. The menu may include: wild mushroom toast, whipped goat cheese and chive vinaigrette; omelet with Gruyere cheese, mushrooms, spinach and mixed green salad; and bittersweet Valhrona chocolate pot de crème with "sweet & salty" almonds. 631-722-0500.

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2. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet, and when hot add the scallops. Sear scallops until golden, about one minute on each side. Season with salt and pepper; toss to mix and arrange scallops, equally divided over the greens.

3. Melt 1 additional tablespoon of butter in the same skillet and add the shallots, sauté quickly until they are translucent. Add red wine vinegar and bring to a boil scraping to deglaze pan juices. Cut remaining butter into small pieces and whisk, piece by piece, into the pan juices to create a smooth emulsion. Spoon the sauce equally over the scallops and serve at once.

BAY SCALLOP SEVICHE WITH BASIL
Serves 6 as appetizer

1 pound bay scallops, side muscle removed
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 red bell pepper, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
1 small red onion, sliced paper thin
Dash cayenne
3/4 teaspoon Kosher salt
Chiffonade of 10 to 12 large basil leaves
Extra basil leaves for garnish

1. Rinse scallops and pat dry with paper towel. Put into a bowl with the lemon and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours.

2. Peel red pepper with vegetable peeler, core and remove seeds; rinse and pat dry. Cut pepper into strips then into 1/2-inch dice. Put thinly sliced onions in a bowl of cold water and let soak for 20 minutes. Drain and pat dry in a clean kitchen towel. Place in a mixing bowl with the peppers.

3. When scallops are "cooked" and flesh is opaque, drain excess liquid and add to the onions and peppers. Season with cayenne, salt and basil, and stir to mix with the scallops.

4. Transfer to a serving bowl. Ceviche may be completed up to several hours ahead. Refrigerate as necessary; bring to room temperature before serving. Serve with basil garnish.

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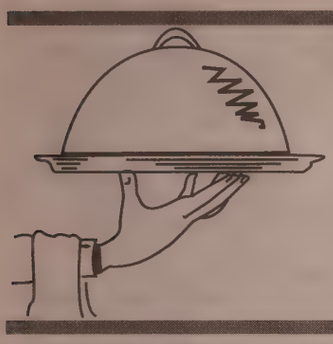

DINING OUT

75 MAIN RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE - Open daily for lunch 10:30 – 4:30 and dinner 4:30 – 10:30. Daily specials. Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m. Fri, Havanna Night, Sat, live band or DJ. Dine indoors or out. 3 Course Prix Fixe $25.95 Sun. – Thurs. 75main.com. 75 Main Street Southampton 631-283-7575.

BACKYARD RESTAURANT AT SOLE EAST - A local favorite for those in the know. Located on the beautifully landscaped grounds of Sole East Resort. Casual, Mediterranean-influenced menu incorporating the freshest local produce and daily catches. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Poolside dining. Brazilian Bossa Nova brunches on Sundays and live entertainment. 90 Second House Rd., Montauk. 631-668-2105. Soleeast.com

BOBBY VAN'S - Steakhouse classics and fresh fish. Open 363 days a year for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. Kitchen open Fri. & Sat. 'til 11 p.m. Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-0590.

CAFÉÉ MONTE AT GURNEY'S - Breakfast daily from 7:30 to 10 a.m., from noon to 3 p.m. serving a casual Italian-style menu. Excellent choices by Executive Chef Chip Monte. Check out the great late night bar scene. La Paticceria serves light fare from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. 631-668-2345.

CANAL CAFÉÉ - Be reminded of Cape Cod in the 1970s at this very casual waterfront eatery. Enjoy fresh, local seafood, local wines and beer and a full bar. Accessible by boat. Live music all summer. 44 Newtown Road, Hampton Bays, 631-723-2155.

CASA BASSO - Three-course prix fixe $25 every night. 59 Montauk Highway, Westhampton, 631-288-1841. Casabasso.net.

CLIFF'S ELBOW ROOM - Serving the best aged and marinated steak, the freshest seafood and local wines, in a casual, warm atmosphere. Family-owned and operated since 1958. Open for lunch and dinner. Two locations: 1549 Main Road, Jamesport, 631-722-3292, or 1065 Franklinville Rd, Laurel, 631-298-3262. Elbowroomli.com.

THE COAST GRILL - A favorite seafood restaurant for 25 years, now under new ownership. With Executive Chef Brian Cheewing at the helm the restaurant has a new American flare, newly redecorated, come enjoy a sunset dinner overlooking Wooley Pond. Open for dinner Thurs.-Sun. nights at 5 p.m. 1109 Noyac Road, Southampton. 631-283-2277. Thecoastgrill.com.

Susan Galardi

The vegetable Napoleon at 75 Main

HAMPTON COFFEE COMPANY - Espresso Bar, Bakery, Caféé, and Coffee Roastery. Full-service breakfast and lunch in Water Mill. Dan's Papers "Best of the Best!" 6 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Locations on Montauk Highway in Water Mill (next to Green Thumb) and Mill Road in Westhampton Beach (Six Corners Roundabout at BNB). 631-726-COFE. Hamptoncoffeecompany.com

THE JUICY NAMM - Open in Sag Harbor and East Hampton, serving organic juices, smoothies and high-vibration raw vegan cuisine. 51 Division St., Sag Harbor, 631-725-3030, and 27 Race Lane, EH, 631-604-5091.

JAMESPORT MANOR INN - Experience North Fork Architecture, Art and Cuisine in the reconstructed 1820s Dimon Mansion. Zagat Rated New American Cuisine dedicated to sustainable, fresh and local food and wine. Dinner 3 course prix fixe, Sun-Thu, $35. Lunch and dinner daily. Closed Tue. 370 Manor Lane, Jamesport. jamesportmanor.com. Reservations 631-722-0500 or opentable.com

LE SOIR RESTAURANT - Serving the finest French cuisine for over 25 years. Nightly specials, homemade desserts. 825 W. Montauk Hwy, Bayport, 631-472-9090.

LUCE & HAWKINS AT JEDEDIAH HAWKINS INN - Helmed by acclaimed Chef Keith Luce, guests can expect an ever-evolving menu that places its emphasis upon local and sustainably grown ingredients. Serving dinner Thursday through Monday, lunch Friday, Saturday and brunch Monday and Sunday. 400 South Jamesport Avenue, Jamesport, 631-722-2900 jedediahhawkinsinn.com

MUSE RESTAURANT & AQUATIC LOUNGE - New American Fare with Regional Flare. $24.95 three-course prix fixe offered ALL NIGHT, every night. Live music on Thursdays. Private cooking classes & wine dinners with Chef Guiffrida available. Open Thurs.-Sun., 5:30 p.m. Citarella Plaza, 760 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, 631-726-2606.

OASIS - Waterfront restaurant and bar with wonderful sunset views over Noyac Bay. Serving delicious and perfectly prepared seasonal cuisine (new Fall/Winter menu available now) with service that is always top notch. Now offering Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with special bar menu all night and a $30 Prix Fixe dinner menu all night Thursday & Friday. Located at 3253 Noyac Road, Sag Harbor (next to Mill Creek Marina) and open Thursday - Saturday from 5:30 pm. Available for Holiday Parties www.oasishamptons.com.

PHAO RESTAURANT - Features stylish déécor and fabulous food. Traditional Thai dishes such as Pad Thai and nouvelle ethnic cuisine such as Pork Spare Ribs are each delicious in their own way. Open year-round Wed-Sun at 5:30 p.m. 29 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0101. phaorestaurant.com

PIERRE'S - Euro-chic but casual restaurant and bar. Late dinner and bar on weekdays. Wonderful French food for the elegant diner in a great atmosphere. Open seven days. Brunch Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton, 631-537-5110.

RACE LANE - An American restaurant with some continental asides. The modern building was designed by Norman Jaffe and the architect's style is back. Guests can sit by the fire on couches with cocktails, such as the "Race Lane Shandy" ($9, Pilsner, St. Germain, club soda) or the "Torquay" ($14, gin, muddled cucumber and lemon served in a Prosecco float). Open year round at 31 Race Lane, East Hampton, 631-324-5022.

SEN RESTAURANT - Sen favorites including Chicken or Beef Teriyaki, Shrimp Tempura and Soba Noodle dishes are served along-side its incredible selection of Sushi and Sashimi. Flavorful salads and side dishes available. Open at 5:30 p.m. everyday. 23 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1774, senrestaurant.com.

SQUIRETOWN RESTAURANT & BAR - A modern American bistro. Open 7 days lunch & dinner. Specials include braised short ribs, grilled porterhouse pork chop and fall-themed soups. Introducing our 3-course Prix Fixe menu for $26.26 available daily, Fri/Sat until 7p.m. $19.95 1-1/4 Lobster, corn and potato Wednesdays. Check out the new $5 bar menu. Happy Hour Specials Mon – Fri 5-7 p.m. 26W Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays 631-723-2626.

TWEEDS - Located in historic Riverhead, Tweeds Restaurant & Buffalo Bar in the J.J. Sullivan Hotel serves the finest local food specialties and wines representing the best Long Island vineyards. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. 17 E. Main Street 631-208-3151.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

AUTHOR DAVID DOWLING DISCUSSES CHASING THE WHITE WHALE: THE MOBY-DICK MARATHON, WHAT MELVILLE MEANS TODAY - 6:30 p.m. , Canio's Books, 290 Main St., SGH. caniosbooks.com 631-725-4926

SH TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING – 7 p.m., Southampton Town Hall lower level, 116 Hampton Rd., SH. All welcome. southamptontrails.org.

50 MILLION FRENCHMEN – live theatre at Levitas Center for the Arts, 25 Pond Ln., SH. Thur/Fri/Sat at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 16. $25/students under 21 w/ID $12. 631-287-4377, scc-arts.org.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY – 5-8 p.m. Wolffer Wine Tasting Room, SGK. Featuring live music. No cover charge, wines by the glass, cheese and charcuterie plates. Wolffer.com. 631-537-5106

FINEST IN WORLD CINEMA– *Nora's Will* – 7:30 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, Also tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. whbpac.org.

THE LEGENDS FILM SERIES: ELVIS & FRIENDS PLUS LIVE MUSIC BY GENE CASEY AND THE LONE SHARKS – 8 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, Long Wharf, SGH. 631-725-9500, baystreet,org. $20

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

SH TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE – 10 a.m. meet at Sag Harbor Industries on BH-SGH Turnpike, opposite Verizon building. 631-725-3942, southamptontrails.org.

EH TRAILS HIKE – 10 a.m., meet on Camp Hero Rd., off Rt. 27, one mile east of Deep Hollow Ranch. Bring water & snack. To Montauk Lighthouse, seal haul-out & back. Carol Andrews 631-725-3367.

GUILD HALL PRESENTS THE MET: LIVE IN HD PUCCINI'S LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST – 1 p.m. , John Drew Theater, 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-0806, guildhall.org. $18/GH members $16/students $15.

CHRISTOPHER IMPIGLIA BOOK SIGNING – 1 p.m., East Hampton Library. A new book, *The Song of the Fall*, is an epic poem detailing the fall of Constantinople in 1453 at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. easthamptonlibrary.org.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

SH TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY SARNOFF RED TRAIL HIKE – 10 a.m. meet at DEC entrance on County Road 63, ?² mile west of Riverhead traffic circle. 631-682-7250 southamptontrails.org.

PRAYERBOOK HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS - 10:15 a.m.-11 a.m., The Jewish Center of the Hamptons, 44 Woods Ln., EH. Hebrew reading required. office2@jcoh.org, 631 324-9858, jcoh.org

ITZIG, AN HISTORICAL NOVEL 1900 – 1935 – 12:30 p.m. Book Party, Reading, Signing by author Lona Rubenstein, Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall, EH.

CROSSROADS ACOUSTIC JAM – 1-4 p.m., Crossroads Music, 160 Main St. AMG. Bring your acoustic instrument and in.

info@crossroadsmusicstore.com, 631 907-4838, crossroadsmusicstore.com

PIANO CONCERT WITH WILL DUCHON - 3-4 p.m., Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Rd.,

SH. Reservations are recommended. A reception will follow. 631-283-0774 ext. 523, programs@myrml.org, myrml.org

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

CLASS: THE BOOK OF FIRST KINGS - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., The Jewish Center of the Hamptons, 44 Woods Ln., EH. Hebrew reading required. Learn grammar and history, language and politics, reading and historical origins. office2@jcoh.org, 631-324-9858, jcoh.org

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS – 7 p.m. Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., BH. Current issues in the election process - There are two major issues affecting the election process this year: redistricting and the effects of the Supreme Court decision in the case known as Citizens United which changed the landscape of funding elections by permitting unlimited corporate spending. bridlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631 537-0015

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

SAG HARBOR COAT DRIVE – Drop off or pick up coats Tue. – Sat., 9-4. Old Whalers Church, 44 Union St., SGH. sagharborcommunityfoodpantry.org.

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL SMOKING CESSATION – 6-8 p.m.Reg. rec'd. Southampton Hospital

240 Meetinghouse Ln., SH. Certified Hypnotist and Clinical Social Worker Albert R O'Connell III will lead a Quick Smoking through Hypnosis Group. Reinforcement CD is included. rfinalborgo@southamptonhospital.org, $75. 631-726-8800

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

SOUTHAMPTON COAT DRIVE – drop off mens winter coats at Southampton Tire on Main St., SH, across from 7-Eleven.

EH TRAILS HIKE – 10 a.m., meet on Camp Hero Rd., off Rt. 27, one mile east of Deep Hollow Ranch. Ed Porco 631-668-2093.

WESTHAMPTON FREE CARD EXCHANGE & NETWORKING – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Bridgehampton National Bank, 194 Mill Rd., WHB. Wine & light appetizers. Greater Westhampton Networking Association, sabbondondelo@bridgenb.com, 631-574-7122

8-WEEK WRITING WORKSHOP – 6-8 p.m. Cedar Street, EH. Call 631-324-6325 for details. $160

TRANSITION AFTER THE CHANGE CALLED DEATH - 7:30 p.m, Joshua's Place, 30 Sanford Pl., SH. Please join Sheila Bath for an informative and enlightening evening. "ìThe Angels and Guides I work with, say it is time to take the "mystery" of death and teach people how they too can connect with loved ones who have left the Earth Plane."î Joshuaplace@verizon.net, 631-287-4100, joshuasplace.org, $10

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS – 4 p.m., Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., BH.

Spanish for Beginners Thursdays through March 10. Current and new students are welcome! $30 due at registration.

bridlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-537-0015

ART – 8 p.m., Quogue Community Hall, 125 Jessup Ave., Q. shunnew@optonline.net, 631-726-4656. Through Jan. 30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES – Begin today. Call 631-283-2494,southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org.

FINEST IN WORLD CINEMA– *All Good Things* – 7:30 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, Also tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. whbpac.org.

PICK OF THE WEEK

✔ **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**
East Hampton and Southampton Trial hikes. See details below.

A scene from Nora's Will at WHBPAC.

Trust for Josh Levine's Family

by Stacy Dermont

Joshua Levine, market manager for the Peconic Land Trust's Quail Hill Farm in Amagansett, lost his life in a tractor accident on November 31. Levine had been working on this community farm since 2008.

Levine is sorely missed by everyone who knew him. If you bought produce from him at the Sag Harbor Farmers Market on Saturdays, you experienced the person he was: thoughtful, centered, with great hope for the future. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Levine left behind a wife and two very young children. A trust has been set up for the children, Willa and Ezra. The family has asked that gifts and donations be made out to:

"Trust For the Benefit of Willa and Ezra Levine,"

and mailed to:

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LETTERS

GOOD JOB
Dear Dan,

I wanted to say "thank you" for including the article by Stacy Dermont, "Giving to the Needy on the East End" in your latest paper. It really touched me and I love how she provided a thorough list of all the outreach and food pantry facilities. I cut out that article and put it on my refrigerator.

I am not from LI and have only lived here 5 years and found it difficult to find or locate all of the different types of outreach programs so I could donate, contribute or even volunteer this year. I also thoroughly enjoyed her article at Thanksgiving titled "Turkey Splits!" I just love the way she writes and her outlook and creativity.

All the best from one of your *Dan's Papers* fans,
Karen Parker
East Setauket

Stacy wrote this very well. – DR

AN OPEN THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY
Dear Dan,

We did it! 88.3 FM is now officially WPPB-FM: an independent non-profit community-licensed public radio station serving Eastern Long Island and Southern Connecticut.

It takes a community to save an important cultural resource and this community responded in force to save public radio for the East End and preserve Long Island's only remaining local National Public Radio broadcasting franchise. We thank you and all of those who contributed to the campaign to save public radio on the East End.

We were blessed with a small group of pioneers who joined the dedicated staff of 88.3 FM on this mission. Their passion and generosity inspired hundreds of loyal supporters and listeners to rally to save the station. Support came from every geographic, economic, and demographic quadrant of the East End and southern Connecticut. Friends and colleagues from local and national nonprofit organizations; local businesses; local, County, State, and Federal government officials; and the local press all joined our listeners and donors in the campaign to save the station. Our thanks go out to each of you who recognized the importance of maintaining a thriving public radio voice in our community.

Along the bumpy road to independence Peconic Public Broadcasting encountered significant hurdles, but each time the going got tough, timely financial support and encouragement from our listeners inspired us to keep going. Procedural obstacles delayed our progress, skeptics howled, but nothing could crush the spirit of those who believed in this cause. We are proud to have succeeded and grateful for the support of this community.

We end 2010 on a sweet note, incredibly grateful for all that Peconic Public Broadcasting accomplished with the help of the community. Challenges will remain. Like any non-profit, PPB, will continue to need help from all. We pledge our best effort to maintain the high level of quality programming you have come to expect, all with an added local emphasis.

Wally Smith
President of Peconic Public Broadcasting
General Manager of WPPB-88.3-FM

It was quite a scary ride to success though. –DR

TO CATCH A RISING STAR!
Dear Dan,

My name is David Giacone, and we met twice. The first was when you kindly went out of your way to sign my copy of *In The Hamptons* while I was at a gig at the Stephen Talkhouse, a couple of years ago. The second time was when I was on a gig at the Whaling Museum in Sag Harbor. I have just finished reading *In the Hamptons Too*, and I enjoyed it just as much as its predecessor. I found some chapters to be downright hysterical. Maj. Bill Crikshank had me laughing out loud, while others had me tearing up (Richard T Gilmartin).

I thought the latter chapter was a wonderful tribute to this fascinating man and a great way to start the book off. I also didn't know who this man was until I read your book. I've enclosed some items that may or may not be of interest to you. I recently found a 1959 copy of the *Montauk Guide and Cook Book* in a thrift shop. I had to have this because of my interest in the Hamptons and Montauk and also because I was born that very year.

There are some advertisements in there from the many places that are still there, and from some that are not. There are also quite a few recipes from Richard Gilmartin, and one from your mom.

I've enclosed a few of those recipes for your amusement. At some point I would still like to stop in and chat about "old" Montauk and about those old rumrunner trails that have fascinated me for years. I'm out to East Hampton frequently to look after my mom, plus I do lots of gigs out there. It's a matter of catching you at the office and if you have time.

Thank you for another great read and I am looking forward to *In The Hamptons III, IV, V*, and so on! Needless to say I enjoy your paper as well. I always grab a *Dan's* when I am out East.

Sincerely,
David Giacone

Coming up! – DR

Send your letters to
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(e-mails only, please)

POLICE BLOTTER

Fireworks Trouble

A member of the Grucci family was not having a good day. Grandpa Grucci (as in Grucci Fireworks – but this Grucci doesn't work for the company), was charged with shooting his own grandson in the stomach with a shotgun. The grandson, who is 20, came home late one night and woke up the whole house, making Grandpa Grucci very angry, which lead to a shouting match, which lead to a shotgun blast to the stomach. The grandson is in stable condition. Sometimes family relationships can explode.

Shelter Island

Old Man McGumbus of Shelter Island stated that he heard a hippie walk into his house in the middle of the night. He thought about grabbing his 12 gauge, but decided that this called for his trusty Heckler & Kock MP5 assault rifle. Old Man McGumbus, who is 96 and an American veteran of World War II, crept down the stairs of his Shelter Island house, with his helmet on, towards the noise he heard in the kitchen. He then leaped into the hallway and opened fire, and according to his statement said, "DIE YOU DANG HIPPIES!!!" When authorities arrived at the scene, nobody appeared to be injured, except for a deer in the front yard outside of the kitchen window. However, Old Man McGumbus advised that the Shelter Island League of Extraordinary Gentlemen be summoned (which he is the president of) for a security sweep of the premises.

Stolen TV

A television was stolen from the guest house of a home in East Hampton, however, the owners of the the home, who are almost never in the guest house, could not recall what type of television it was nor could they recall the last time they were in the guest house before discovering the television was missing. They also could not remember who had stayed in the guesthouse because it is used so infrequently.

Guess What?

Over New Year's Eve, 86,245 people were arrested in the Hamptons for DWI.

Watch Out for Black Ice

Driving through the Hamptons is not an easy task, there are deer everywhere, there are bad New York City drivers everywhere and there are plenty of those without driver's licenses. Sadly, last week thanks to the blizzard, Hamptonites had to deal with black ice. In Sag Harbor a man driving an SUV in 4-wheel drive during the snowstorm, hit a patch of black ice on the road and skidded off into a tree. He was not injured.

Thief

A woman in East Hampton reported that her wallet had been stolen from her bag and was later returned to the main office of her work. The wallet contained $20 and some gum. There are no suspects at this time.

– David Lion Rattiner

BEACHED?
Dear David,

Always enjoy yours and your dad's articles in *Dan's Papers*. In reference to your article entitled "Catastrophe" in the November 26 issue, I don't think that this time the Dunes will be replaced. The sand and beaches may grow (or shrink), but it appears to me and my son that the damage to the Dunes is irrecoverable. (Am referring to the beaches west of Indian Wells and east of Atlantic.) Would love to be told otherwise.

Any opinions from people who have lived here and see it differently?

Sincerely,
Kim Hiekey
Amagansett

They will be back. – DR

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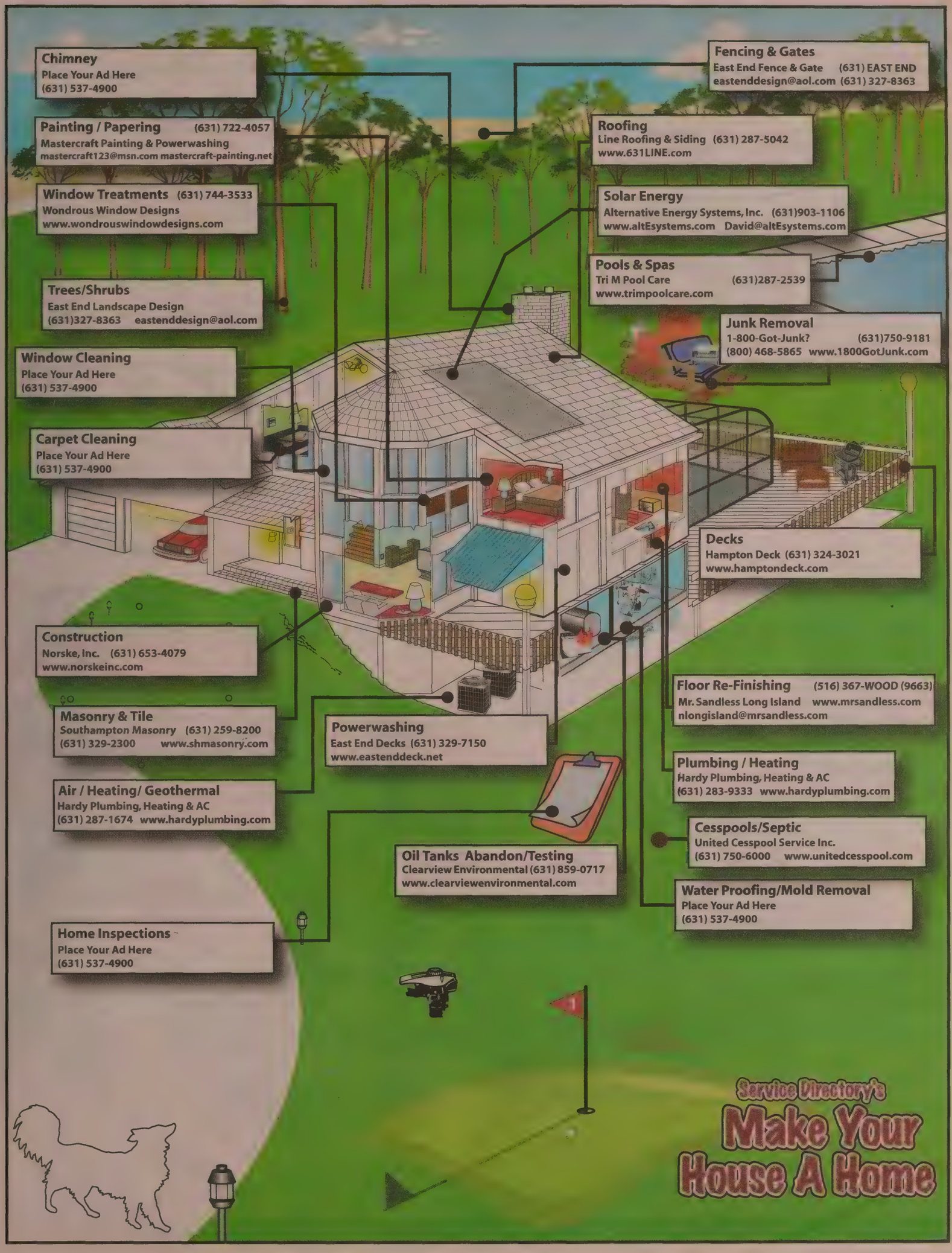
Dear Dan,

I was wondering if you are going to respond and if you know anything about that sweet little lady taking people's money. Someone said to me that Dan just might know the story. So here is the story.

In between 1970 and 1980 a little old lady took money from people in the Hamptons as a deposit for land or a house. The properties were not up for sale and she was never caught. It was a big deal at the time so Dan, you may very well know the story. I'm doing the research for a TV show and this would be most helpful.

Can you please let me know?
Thank you,
Joan Wagner

Nope. And if it happened, I'd have known. – DR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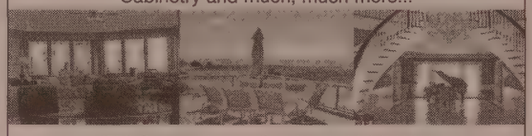
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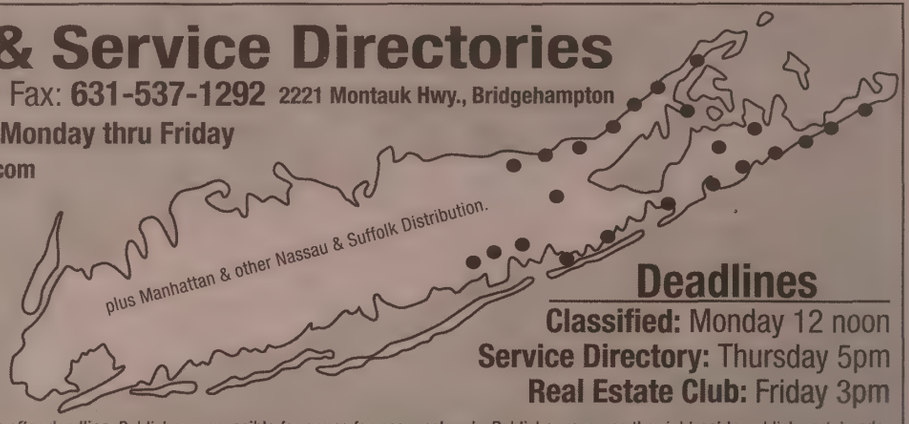

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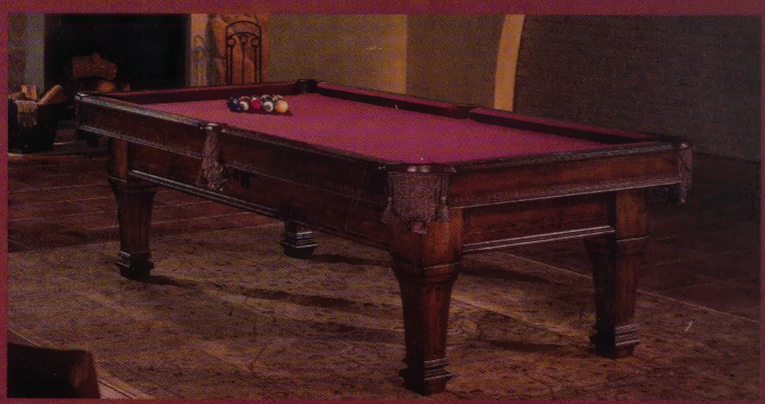

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